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WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF EMPEROR WILLIAM WERE TO DIE?

Famous German Author Says It Would Be a National Disaster and the Empire Would Drop Back to the Rank of a Secondary Power, at Least for a Time--American Resident of Berlin Says the New Emperor Would Leave Government Largely to His Ministers, Contenting Himself With Leading Society--Once Offered His Hand to American Girl--Is a Trained Soldier, Musician and Athlete.

PERSONALITY OF THE CROWN PRINCE

WILLIAM III WOULD BE MERRY MONARCH

The succession of Crown Prince William to the imperial throne of Germany, in case the Kaiser dies, seems to be assured, although it could become a matter of doubt if the kingdoms composing the empire should favor a prince of another house.

But the domination of the Hohenzollerns is so complete that Prince William of Prussia will be certain to receive the imperial election. Then it will be, Ho, for the days of the merry monarch! The German court, sedate, religious, composed of the most poorly dressed, unaccomplished and unattractive women in Europe, will become as gay, as brilliant, as the court of Edward VII.

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Written Expressly for the Sunday Post-Dispatch and New York World.

What would become of Germany in the event of the reigning Kaiser's proximate death? What effect would it be likely to have on international politics? What effect on the international situation in the empire, fraught with danger by reason of the imperfect cohesion of its component parts and because of the steadily growing power of the Socialist party?

In the ungracious prince, who would succeed his father by the plain terms of the imperial and Prussian constitution, morally, mentally and physically fitted for the task?

Replying to the last question first, Crown Prince William's general fitness to assume the crown of German Emperor and King of Prussia cannot be questioned. He is strong, healthy, versed in all manly sports, and a well-drilled and enthusiastic soldier. It is not believed, however, that he has the making of a great soldier in him.

In the early spring of 1901 his father had the young man matriculated at Bonn University, and there the Crown Prince pursued some higher studies helpful to him in his future position as ruler, such as social economy, administrative law and the history of German government institutions.

It is not on record that he distinguished himself in any of them. Slight preparation for responsibilities.

With his majority he was also granted an imperial fief, the little Duchy of Oels, in Silesia, which he has since governed and administered. This, though, so far comprises his preparation for the onerous and very delicately adjusted duties that would devolve upon him at his father's death.

He has not yet started in on that course of preparatory training in all the branches of civil and military administration which his father went through, under Bismarck's personal guidance, when still plain Prince William of Prussia.

COMING RULER OF GERMANY.

Personality and Character of the Young Crown Prince

Mentally, the Crown Prince does not rise above mediocrity. His father's brilliancy and abnormally quick perceptive faculties are denied him. He is slow and plodding.

On the other hand, he is more steady and far less impulsive, or rather modest and somewhat diffident of his own gifts.

Morally, he is all that could be desired in one as young and one that has been so much exposed to temptation. While his political and social convictions can scarcely be said to have matured, he has thus far modeled them largely on those of his father.

By word of mouth and by letters and deeds he has taken a strong stand against the Socialist party. So much so, indeed, that Bismarck, the great socialist leader, in one of his best and most impassioned speeches in the Reichstag, early last spring, inveighed against the young prince's violent anti-socialist and one might even say anti-liberal utterances.

Of the internal situation of Germany and of her foreign relations the Kaiser's death would have some disturbing and effect. William II has pleasant and intimate relations with the co-ordinated 34 rulers of German sovereign states and the strengthening of ties by marriage with the Hohenzollern family, by the unceasing cultivation of social amenities, etc.--the keystone of his internal policy, thus fostering the further consolidation of the empire, a consolidation which has by no means yet progressed to a satisfactory end.

In this manner he has done much to ally the ever recurring jealousies and sensitiveness of the smaller German states, especially of the houses of Bavaria, Saxony and Württemberg. His son has not yet had much chance of following in the Kaiser's footsteps in this respect and his extreme youth and inexperience would, of course, tell against him in any event when dealing with Germany's "over-lord" with veteran princes like the octogenarian King of Saxony and Grand Duke of Baden and other fellow sovereigns of importance.

Extreme Youth

In His Way

But his extreme youth and total lack of experience in foreign politics would, above all, militate against him personally and against Germany's position in world politics. The empire's relations in this respect have steadily grown more complicated and delicate since the accession of William II, and more especially since Bismarck's retirement in 1890. Germany's position as a state at the helm that would be equal to the task of mastering of a severely grave situation. The Kaiser's personality of the Kaiser, which is so respected and even feared in Europe, but it is not at all likely that Germany will suffer.

In the first place German statesmen have a passion for the fatherland, and will never betray her in this. And in the second place the Crown Prince William has shown a sagacious tendency to accept advice from those older and wiser than himself, a quality in the ruler which would have saved Germany difficulties in several extremely delicate situations had the present Kaiser possessed it.

The boy has been reared along the narrowest lines in money matters.

His father believed in making his allowance small for the sake of discipline, and his mother for the sake of living. The Kaiser has admirable qualities, but in money matters he is more economical than the wife of a laboring man.

Crown Prince
Owed \$20,000

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One more possibility suggests itself in this connection. If the reigning Kaiser should, by reason of his present ailment, of what this might lead to, become either physically or mentally incapacitated for government, the remedy would be plain. It would have to take the same course it took when William I had been maimed and wounded night unto death by an assassin. On that occasion Crown Prince Frederick William was sworn in as the substitute and temporary regent of both Prussia and the empire, as the constitution of both provide in explicit terms. In the contingency of the present Kaiser becoming incapable of fulfilling the functions of ruler, the young Crown Prince William would become, for the time being, i. e., or what this might lead to, become either the Kaiser's chief sovereign, and the latter his own son's subject. That indeed would be a most interesting state of affairs.

Adores Grand Uncle,

England's King

The crown prince adores his grand uncle, the King of England, and philosophers who want to speculate upon his position in Germany when he becomes Emperor have only to study the career and influence of Edward.

The crown prince, as Emperor, will be the leader of society in Europe; he will be adored by all classes in his empire, as he has the time to go among them in his simple, unaffected way, with that bright, kindly smile which wins hearts among his royal enemies, and the grave and serious questions of state will be left in the hands of German statesmen. Germany will lose the strong and extraordinary personality of the Kaiser, which is so respected and even feared in Europe, but it is not at all likely that Germany will suffer.



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otherwise, American, German, French and English, with whom he is supposed to have been violently in love, and to have proposed marriage, there is not one who can produce a letter or the smallest token from him.

There is the ring said to have been given to Gladys Deacon. But no one in the house party at Blenheim saw it.

He has avoided scandal. The crown prince has worn his wild oats, but the remarkable thing is that he has not horrified Europe and indulged in the open and shameless excesses so well known to exist among royal princes.

He was never known to be rude to a woman, whether a peasant or a princess, save on one occasion. That was at Bonn, when he was a student. A woman who family is well known at the German court, persisted in attending the same church he did, and just as he was coming out she began to cry in front of him and fall apparently by accident. The first time he rushed to her assistance. The same thing occurred a week or two later. He helped her again to her feet. But the third time he said, sarcastically, "poor thing," and passed on.

He is devoted to his mother. In spite of her trying to keep him in leading strings. He has a special salute with his sword which he gives no one else. His friends say he has never tried to conceal anything from his mother nor from his father, either.

But he doesn't care for Wagnerian opera. This pleases his father, for the Kaiser, in his own opinion, long ago settled Wagner's place in history for all loyal subjects.

The crown prince is a splendid soldier. When he was only 10 years old he took his place as lieutenant of the First Regiment of Prussian foot guards, the crack regiment, composed of the tallest men in the army. The little prince looked funny striding along, but he walked bravely and with soldierly bearing. His military training had been severe in the extreme, and his work has satisfied even his father.

The Gladys

Deacon Affair

Gladys Deacon, he has seen only once in his life and talked to her 20 minutes. The girl herself was not responsible for the story that the prince wanted to marry her.

The crown prince has been kind and agreeable to Miss Gladys Deacon, the dancer, who was in Berlin last winter; he took special pains when in Vienna to tell Edith Walker that he thought she had a wonderful voice, he has long admired Bessie Abbott, the American girl, who has been singing at the Paris Opera House, and he has gone out of his way to be nice to several other American girls singing in Berlin.

He is one of the best tennis players in Germany, and refuses to play with a person who is willing to let him win because of his rank. He dances divinely.

It is safe to predict that when he comes to be the throne he will win for the German Empire in Russia and in other countries in Europe a friendly feeling not existing now. It is a feeling for which the present German Emperor is in part responsible.

Also in most circles extremely popular, the prince was not so with all the students at Bonn when he was there in the university.

ROOSEVELTS ON LONDON REGISTER

Clerk of Fashionable St. George's Church, Hanover Square, Surprised to Find Marriage Record

Special Cable to the Post-Dispatch.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—That President Roosevelt of the United States was married in St. George's Church, Hanover Square, London, Dec. 2, 1903, was a revelation to Charles Malsey, the clerk of that ultra-fashionable edifice. Looking up the register, Mr. Malsey found the date entered in his own handwriting, while there was no record of the ceremony.

Theodore Roosevelt, 38, widower, ranchman, staying at Brown's Hotel, Dover Street.

The witnesses were Cecil A. Spring Rice, at one time the secretary of the British embassy at Washington, and Emily Tyler Carew, the bride's sister.

"Hitherto," said Mr. Malsey, "American visitors have been chiefly interested in George Eliot's certificates. Henceforth she will take a back seat."

ORLEANS' AUTO KILLS MAN.

Veiled Woman With Him Taken for the Duchess, Proved to Be Marie Halton.

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VIENNA, Dec. 5.—The Duke of Orleans, motor "scooting" recently near St. Polten, ran down a workman who died from his injuries. The duke never stopped, but the crowd came miles further on, who shot the duke and held the duke until the police arrived.

He was accompanied by a woman, who was thickly veiled and was said to be the Duchess of Orleans. It turned out that she was Miss Marie Halton, an American singer and a popular star in both the Vienna and Budapest theatres.

He is an expert swordsman and swimmer. A favorite pastime is polo.



Miss Gladys Deacon

My. That was because he declined to drink as much beer as German students think it necessary to an education, and he rebuked a student one day who told an indecent story at a banquet. At Bonn he did not make a brilliant record as a student, being more interested in athletics. He had his fun, too. Once, when it was reported that he was ill in bed, he was in reality enjoying the sights of gay Paris, having managed to elude the professors and slip away.

Prince William's greatest accomplishment is his music. He has a Strad violin, which belonged to Queen Louise, and he prizes it more highly than even his horses.

Holland for his daughter-in-law, but that would have annulled his marriage to Germany, and did not come to pass.

The Princess Margaret of Connaught is the Kaiser's choice at present for his son, as it is of great political importance to win the friendship of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, who have large interests in Germany, and are the avowed enemies of the reigning family. But the parents of the princess have not considered this match with the crown prince, and as the prince has never been eager for it himself, the plans will come to naught if the Kaiser dies.

Prince William is a tall, slender fellow, with pleasant blue eyes, blond hair, the promise of a mustache still more blond, a mouth not very strong, and a chin which tells a tale of weakness to a certain extent.

He is somewhat vain and considers himself very good looking. He is fond of having his picture taken.

He is much handsomer in form than his father, and looks well in civilian dress, which the Kaiser does not. He carefully copies King Edward in the cut of his clothes. His elegance and grace would attract attention in any fashionable parade in the world, even if his rank were unknown.

The woman who shares the throne with Prince William will wield a great influence upon him for good or evil. His nature demands a woman's sympathy.

But no American will ever share that throne or even be a power behind it by virtue of an arrangement of the left hand.

For the crown prince does not especially admire the American girls. He has been attracted by several American girls who have thrown themselves at his head. But he is afraid of the American girls. He does not understand them and his mother is his ideal, although the average German girl has not enough of the coquette about her to please his boyish fancy.

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THE VATICAN IN STATE.

For the First Time in Thirty Years a Foreign Envoy Thus Proceeds

Special Cable to the Post-Dispatch.

ROME, Dec. 5.—A sign of the changed policy of the Vatican toward the Italian government appeared at the recent reception of the new Austrian ambassador to the Pope.

Since 1870 all special envoys of foreign governments have gone to and from the Vatican to present their credentials in private, without any outward display of their diplomatic office. Count Saccione, however, went in great state with a gorgeous equipage, and was received with the military honors due to the sovereign he represented.

Plus X admitted him to his private apartments and was closeted with him for more than an hour.

OPENING HOSTILITIES.

SAID, RED: IF THE POST-DISPATCH IS TWENTY FIVE YEARS OLD ON THE 13TH, HOW OLD IS ANN?



CLEAVAGE OF THE LARYNX HAS BEEN PERFORMED

The Truth About the Kaiser's Serious Condition Coming Out Slowly and It Shows That There Is a Growth of Pernicious Character in the Emperor's Throat

DOCTOR OF RENOWN NEEDED; HISTORY WILL REPEAT ITSELF

VIENNA, Dec. 5.—A throat specialist of world-wide renown said to the correspondent of the Post-Dispatch today, respecting the illness of Kaiser William:

"Prof. Schmidt's prolonged stay with the Kaiser is evidence of the serious condition of the patient and of the gravity of the operation. The operation as described in the newspapers is the most insignificant imaginable. One day of rest and abstaining from speaking should have been sufficient for complete recovery."

"From the duration of the Kaiser's convalescence and from Prof. Schmidt's three weeks' stay, and also from other incidents intelligible to the professional mind, it is perfectly plain that a cleavage of the larynx has been performed, and no surgeon decides upon such an operation unless there is a growth of a pernicious character."

"An order has gone forth from the court here that no Viennese surgeon is to express an opinion on the case, but at professional gatherings no reliance is placed in the assurance contained in the published bulletins."

"History will repeat itself. Some professional men of renown will have to be found who will inspire the Emperor with full confidence in himself. He will have to face the world with the assertion that the Kaiser's throat disease is harmless, just as Sir Morrell Mackenzie did, who sacrificed his time, health and reputation in order to keep the Emperor Frederick in ignorance of his true condition."

A small Frankfurt paper, the Kleine Presse, which has many friends in the medical circles of Frankfurt, says:

"All those who ought to know are anything but confident of the Emperor's speedy recovery. They regard his illness as very different light from that shed upon it by the press in general."

"The Emperor is very much depressed, and his general health has given way a good deal."

It is believed in Berlin that Prof. Schmidt has only returned for a time and will soon be in Berlin again. Doubts are expressed whether a second operation will not be necessary.

POSSIBLE CZAR DANCED AS A GIRL

Now He Wants to Marry Divorced Princess and Has Parents See About It

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LONDON, Dec. 5.—The arrival in London of the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess Vladimir of Russia is said to be in connection with their son, Cyril, betrothal to King Edward's niece, the divorced Grand Duchess of Hesse, Princess Victoria Melita of Saxe-Coburg.

Cyril is their eldest son, and has a possibility of coming into the Russian throne, as his father is the next in succession after the heir-apparent (who at present is unmarried), and his marriage with the Princess Victoria is not regarded as an especially favorable light at the Russian court.

The Grand Duke of Hesse has a powerful friend in his sister, thearina, and she has taken her brother's part in the whole affair.

Grand Duke Cyril—like his brother Boris, who visited America—is very fond of society. He is the best dancer at the Russian court, and got up the fancy dance in the ball which have made the Vladimir prince in St. Petersburg famous for its gaiety.

Cyril has a smooth face and fluffy hair. At one ball he appeared as a girl and was not detected.

His mother is still considered one of the beauties at the Russian court, although she is a grandmother. She is very democratic for a Russian grand duchess, and has even gone as far as to invite to her house the wife of Minister Witte, who was known before her marriage among the highest youth of St. Petersburg as "La Belle Melita."

Mrs. Witte has never appeared at court, and the Grand Duchess Vladimir is the only member of the imperial family who has recognized her.

Both the grand duke and the grand duchess are easy-going people, who devote most of their time to pleasure, and they do not rely upon a daughter-in-law who may give them trouble.

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"HOW CAN ANY AMERICAN SURVEY THE FUTURE WITHOUT CHEERFULNESS AND CONFIDENCE?"

—John Wanamaker

Philadelphia's Famous Merchant Says Actual Money Has Not Been Destroyed in the Depression of Stocks, That the People Are Solvent, Which Is the Great Thing, and That Strikes Are Signs of Prosperity Rather Than of Adversity.

BY JAMES CREELMAN.



John Wanamaker speaks of the business outlook of America his utterance carries with it an exceptional weight of authority, for he is in many respects the foremost merchant of the continent—free from interest in stock speculation—one who deals with the daily realities of trade, not a theorist or a gambler. He buys in every land, near or far, and sells to the millions of his own country. Just now it is difficult to furnish the public with re-

liable opinions regarding the actual business prospects of the nation, for the reason that the recent crash for stock speculation has produced conditions which prejudice the views and color the statements of most business men of prominence.

But Mr. Wanamaker occupies a neutral position, midway between the producer and the consumer. His vast retail establishments in New York and Philadelphia depend upon and are the products of the natural operation of the law of supply and demand. He has no watered stock to sell. He is a merchant, pure and simple.

It is hard to get this clean-shaven, clear-eyed, youthful-looking veteran to talk. From morning to night he is under a strain of work that few men could endure. He has to deal with hard facts. He must face the alarming multitude every day, and understand its tastes, necessities and resources. Nor in studying the details can he forget the larger aspects of the business world. The retail buyer confronts him on one side, the manufacturer on the other.

He is suave, but quick and decisive. How he manages to get time enough to eat is a mystery to his associates and assistants. Night and day he is at it—working and studying—and he is one man, at least, who cannot afford to get his facts wrong.

"How can any American survey the future without cheerfulness and confidence?" he said yesterday. "We have no enemies in the world. The nations of Europe and Asia are rivals for our friendship. The emperors of Japan and China are as eager to cultivate good relations with the United States as the King of England or the German Emperor. So that, whether we look eastward from our vast Atlantic coast or westward from our equally great Pacific coast, we can see none but friends. Nowhere is there a

sign of danger to our interests.

"At home there is no shadow upon our national life. The policies which have made us prosperous and powerful are firmly entrenched in the hearts and minds of the people. President Roosevelt's nomination and election next year is as sure as any event which has not yet occurred can be. He is honest, brave and quick to serve the best interests of the country. He understands and trusts the American people, and they understand and trust him. A continuation of the present national administration is surely a good omen of the future.

"What if we have had a depression in the price of stocks? That only affects those who have been gambling. Men who can afford to gamble ought to be able to meet their losses. Few of them expected to get face value for their new shares. The losses are not real, because the gains were only on paper. Actual money has not been destroyed. The real wealth of the nation, the raw materials, the inventive minds, the productive energies, are untouched by the rise or fall of prices in Wall Street. There is work for all at good wages. The farms, the factories and the mills are producing wealth in an ever-increasing volume. The railroads have all they can do to carry grain and merchandise, and now that steel and iron have largely taken the place of wood, the building trades are flourishing, for our towns and cities must be rebuilt. It is fortunate for the country that the break in industrialism came soon. It checked the madness and fever of overcapitalization, and points to the necessity for legislation to regulate trust methods. The two most dangerous rocks that appear above the subsidizing water are the sales of American trust-controlled goods on either side of the Atlantic at lower prices than in the home market, and the locking up of national bank funds in underwriting and syndicate enterprises that require time to turn around and cannot be realized while bound by agree-

ments. This has made scarce money and high rates, and deferred commercial and manufacturing enterprises. It would have been much more serious but for the country banks, which have had their money free from business padlocks.

"What if there are strikes. Men do not strike in genuine hard times. And the present strikes are nearly all for higher wages or shorter hours. Such struggles between capital and labor, however we may deplore them, are signs of prosperity rather than adversity.

"The building of the isthmian canal means a wider extension of our foreign trade, and the courage and promptness of President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay have brought us to the very threshold of success in that long-delayed enterprise. The canal will greatly strengthen our position in the world, both from a military, political and commercial standpoint. And it will insure reasonable rates for railway transportation across the continent. No matter what combinations of railway systems from ocean to ocean may be organized, the isthmian canal will offer a means of competition beyond the influence or control of private enterprise, open to all at the same rate.

"Buying and selling go on throughout the country at a brisk rate. It may be that the fever of speculation has been checked; that men and women are loath to risk their money on the fortunes of the stock market, but legitimate business is thriving. There is some tendency to avoid the purchase of costly luxuries, for the losses of the country must be made up by economies. But this was anticipated by merchants serving the people, who do not carry as heavy stocks of expensive merchandise as usual. Otherwise trade is good; perhaps not quite as good as last year and the year before, but still very encouraging, for we cannot be always at high tide. There must be some temporary slackening of business in such an extraordinary period of

success. It is a peculiarity of the American character that when a man meets reverses he is stimulated to greater efforts. People may be a little poorer just now, but they are solvent—that is the great thing. Those who have lost money in stock speculation have had their lesson, their warning. They will have to work a little harder to make it up, and their experience will make them more prudent. The man who works has his income; he is able to buy what he needs for his comfort. Practically everybody in this country is at work now, and while this is the case business will continue to be good. I believe business would have been better this winter but for the Wall Street nervousness and uncertainty. The pillars of commerce are always shaken by the winds of over-speculation. The reports of the savings banks show that the mass of the people are in good circumstances. The loss occasioned by the fall in the price of securities have fallen chiefly upon those who have had a large surplus of wealth. If it were not so the statistics of the savings banks would be different. Go into any large store in the country just now and see the crowds buying their winter necessities and their Christmas luxuries. You will find no evidence of poverty. But people would have let their money out much more freely but for the fears born of the full-page developments of shipbuilding and the like.

"So long as our people remain sound in mind and body, so long as they are energetic and industrious, and so long as they maintain their free institutions, uncorrupted by political or economic heresies, the business of the country will continue prosperous. This is the richest continent in the world. God made it so. If it is spoiled, we must spoil it ourselves. I believe that the American people understand this, and I can see no reason why the present prospects of the country should inspire any but feelings of confidence and contentment."

GOLD FEVER NOW EPIDEMIC AT SOO

One Man Sold His Claim for \$676,000 and a General Invasion of Americans Is Feared.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Dec. 5.—This city is in the throes of a bad attack of the gold fever, induced by the return to the Soo today of a party of local business men who made a trip to Webwood, Ontario, a short distance from the Canadian Soo, for the purpose of verifying the rumors of a rich gold discovery in the hills near the village.

The report they have brought home, and more especially the samples of rock which they are exhibiting, have awakened the excitement of the scores of old prospectors

and mining experts who make their home here, and a general invasion of Webwood by Americans from this point is threatened.

The first news of the discovery of pay rock at Webwood came in the form of a story which found general circulation in Michigan papers to the effect that James E. Miller, a mineralogist of the Canadian Soo, had sold a claim which he bought last spring for \$2000 for \$676,000. This statement was followed by rumors of the most extravagant kind but sufficient local interest was aroused to lead to the organization of a party, consisting of Fred R. Price, T. S. Harvey, W. H. Peck, R. P. Burgess, Frank G. Lennox and Capt. Joseph Ganley, who have just returned and corroborate the rumors of being true.

As evidence they submit samples of quartz, much of which shows free gold to the naked eye and all of which shows color when heated. The party brought home an option on one of the largest claims in the district and announce that they will organize at once and start their work within 30 days. The claim sold by Miller was purchased by Kinrossa Mines, who organized the Shakespeare Mining Co. The shares of his company, because of the showing made already, have advanced from 10 cents

to 30 cents per share. Other companies, most of them composed of Duluth people, have been formed and one of them is already at work.

He Was Forgiveness

She: Have you ever loved another?
He: Yes, of course. Did you think I'd practice on a nice girl like you?

Economy is a strong point with Hood's Sarsaparilla. A bottle lasts longer and does more good than any other. It is the only medicine of which can truly be said 100 DOSES ONE DOLLAR

FR. DUCEY'S PLAN TO ATTACK DIVORCE

Says Catholic Jurors Should Refuse to Take Part in Such Trials

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The Rev. Thomas J. Ducey, pastor of St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church, will preach a sermon on Sunday attacking divorce. The sermon in part follows: "The state of union between divorced persons in the view of the Catholic Church is one of open and public sin, a crime against the laws of God, as the church teaches. It is a public insult to family purity. Personally, I think that every Catholic

judge on the bench claiming to observe and practice the teachings of the church should refuse as a matter of conscience to preside in divorce proceedings. "Catholic citizens drawn as jurors in divorce trials should also refuse to sit in such proceedings, and give as a reason that no testimony of the guilt of the parties can affect their judgment or cause them to give a decision against the dictates of God's



law, that they could not consent in conscience to give judgment dissolving the marriage tie.

"This action on the part of the Catholic Church would do something to create a healthier and purer moral tone, and force the men and women seeking to contract such unions to tremble for their social safety in cases where the crime of marriage after divorce is accentuated by the social influence of the sinners. Catholics should refuse to have intimate social relations with men and women who seem to despise the laws of public decency."

The Light That Failed

Ruskin had just finished his "Seven Lamps of Architecture." "Very good," said the critics, "but can you throw any light on how much a house will cost after the architect gives his estimate?"

Wishing to change the subject, the great man hastily began to write on another topic.

Quite Another Matter

Write: How foolish men are to gamble on the stock exchange and in bucket shops. Husband: But they don't gamble on the stock exchange, my dear. Wife: Then what do they do? Husband: Why, they operate.

A Cruel Blow

"Did she return your affection?" "Yes, unopposed."

"Time and tide wait for no man," quoted the first dear girl. "Yes, signed dear girl the second, 'and that's where they get the tide on us.'"

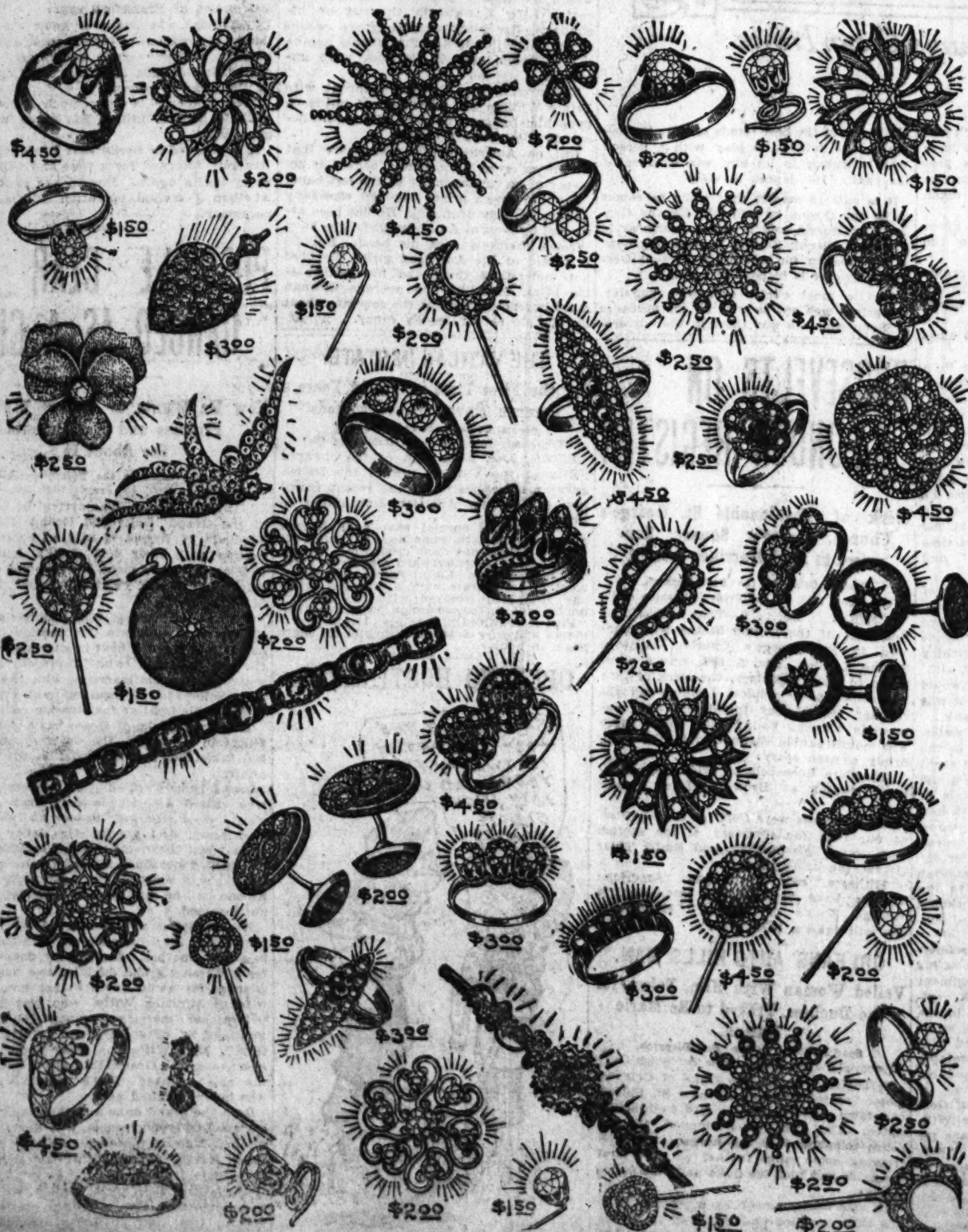
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The secret of this mighty healing power, this vital life spark, this marvelous tonic, is in

HISTORIC HOUSE WHERE GOV. CLARK IS SAID TO HAVE LIVED, IS BEING DISMANTLED



An historic old house is being dismantled at Union boulevard and Natural Bridge road, St. Louis. It is said by old residents to have been one of the St. Louis homes of Gov. William Clark, first territorial governor of Missouri. The claim is not fully substantiated. Gov. Clark was for 40 years a resident of St. Louis, locating here soon after his return from the famous Lewis and Clark expedition of the Missouri river and the Northwest. He was made Indian commissioner in Louisiana by President Jefferson, with headquarters at St. Louis, and in 1813 President Madison appointed him territorial governor of Missouri, an office he held until Missouri entered the Union. His home at Main and Vine streets

THE OLD CLARK HOUSE.

RAPPINGS HEARD IN SICK GIRL'S ROOM

They Jarred the House, They Were So Heavy, and Scared All the People.

HUSTONVILLE, Ky., Dec. 5.—The little wonder, of which little little Farris was the central figure, is past, but there are many people of credibility and common sense in this community who will assert most positively that the little adopted daughter of Dr. A. Farris is the subject of a miraculous visitation.

Fully 300 people in and about Hustonville would like to know what it was that caused the supernatural phenomena at the Farris house. Not professing to be a person of supernatural powers, but a person of common sense, I am willing to deny the evidence of their own senses. They saw and heard, and they can explain it. They were not there to see anything extraordinary in the way of explanation.

The story of the phenomena which surrounded the recent illness of the child cannot be more convincingly told than in the words of Mr. Farris, the little girl's foster father, a practical, hard-headed and unimpeachable man, who lives in a small town in Lexington, and now a farmer, storekeeper and stock raiser.

"I don't believe in ghosts," said he, "and I would be glad to explain these things that happened here if I could. But I can't explain them and there are two or three hundred persons around here that feel just the way I do about it. Why, on Sunday week this place was crowded with wagons and buggies, and lots of people were most anxious to see the child. They came from all over the country, and they were all here on the frame of the house right alongside of Janie's bed clear out there at the toilet, and that's a hundred yards away. I sounded just like a man hitting the timber with a maul as he could drive. At least 50 people walked all around the house inside and out trying to see where the noise came from, and they couldn't tell it. I don't know more than that and that was only one of the funny things that happened."

"How did Janie's illness first manifest itself? Well, I'll tell you. Since the last of December, Janie has been very ill. She would last from half an hour to four or five hours. When she'd have 'em she was just like a different creature. Now, when she's at herself she can't sing a note, but she can't sleep either."

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL.

Few People Know How Useful It Is in Preserving Health and Beauty.

Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose.

Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better; it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the system.

Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking or after eating onions and other odorous vegetables.

Charcoal effectively clears and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges, which are composed of the finest powdered Willow charcoal and other harmless antiseptics in tablet form, or rather in the form of large, pleasant-tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey, and they are the daily use of them; they cost but 25 cents a box at drug stores, and although in some cases a patient's preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets.

BIBLE ESSAYS FOR MISS HELEN GOULD

She Offers Prizes in Order to Bring Out Facts Arent Its Age.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Resulting from the ban of the Roman Catholic Church placed by the Rev. T. J. Earley on the class of 300 girls at Lyndhurst, Miss Helen Gould has offered \$750 in prizes to be awarded for the best essays on the double topic, "The Origin and the History of the Bible" and "The Origin and the History of the American Revised Version of the English Bible."

This contest was made open to the world, and the offer is made through the Bible teachers' training school, organized by the church, and the University of the State of New York.

Four hundred dollars will be given the writer of the best essay, \$250 for the second best, and \$50 for the third.

Ever since she was a child Miss Gould has had a sewing class in Lyndhurst. At an annual party given the class by Miss Gould, the church you represent discourages the reading of scriptures or the Bible.

Father Earley, replying to the allegation, but the Roman Catholic Church does object to reading the scriptures, and he said, "I am not going to the days of Henry VIII of England and was then got up for obvious reasons."

"That's true," said the man, "but the controversy by writing through her secretary, Dr. W. C. Coffey, president of the Bible Teachers' Association, and that any one acquainted with ordinary facts of history would be able to see the statement concerning the versions of the Bible."

So Miss Gould has decided to offer prizes for the best essays on the origin and history of the two versions of the Bible.

Dr. White expressed the opinion that the offer made by Miss Gould would do more to stimulate the study of the Bible than any other thing that has happened in recent years.

"In case Roman Catholics will consent to take part in the contest," said Dr. White, "their members certainly will be added to the committee."

"It is my idea the length of the essays and the number of words. The conditions of the contest will be made public as soon as possible."

SATCHEL WITH \$500,000.

Philadelphia Commuter Passes It to News Agent and Owner Gets It.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5.—Flustered and frightened, a young man ran into the upper waiting room of the Broad street station this morning and asked the special policeman:

"Where's my satchel? Have you seen it? I've lost it and it has half a million dollars in it."

The policeman felt against the steam radiator and gasped. "Half a million dollars?" he murmured. "Why, I don't suppose any one could carry that much away with 'em. Ask the information bureau. Maybe one of the porters has wheeled it over there."

The information bureau had only three handkerchiefs and a pocket knife, probably left there by the man, and the policeman left it there, said the young man.

The new language came in the old satchel which a suburban passenger had found and handed to him, with the suggestion that he might have money in it.

The satchel was produced.

"It contains \$500,000 in gold bonds and as much more in other securities. They are all here buried out into the train shed."

The young man said the man had found the satchel in a suburban passenger's house, also corroborates all of the statements. Miss Annie Carpenter and Miss Edna Carpenter, daughters of the man, who is a postmaster at Hustonville, heard the little girl's questions answered by the man.

The little girl herself offers no explanation of the matter. She is a bright child, and though her head is rather disproportionately small.

"I always get scared at the rapping," said she, "I hope there won't be any more of it."

She is now quite free from her violent spells and seems in fair way to recover entirely. The foster mother, Mrs. Farris, is a well-educated and intelligent woman, coming from one of the best families of Boyd County.

"I don't believe anything supernatural," said she. "At least, I didn't think these things occurred at home. I can't explain them; that's all."

No explanation is attempted except by Dr. Will Hume of Shelby City, who is attending the child.

"The child has simply been suffering from nervous convulsions," said he. "There is nothing supernatural about her illness. I am compelled to believe that the mysterious rappings have occurred, but I think it was due to a slight earthquake shock."

HAS CHARACTERS OF DOZEN PERSONS

Young Girl Exhibits an Extraordinary Instance of Multiple Consciousness.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—An extraordinary instance of "multiple personality," or "multiple consciousness," in which a young girl at different times in her life exhibited the varying characters of a dozen persons, is recorded by Dr. Albert Wilson, in the Journal of Mental Science.

The multiplicity of personalities began, Dr. Wilson states, when the girl was attacked with influenza and cerebral meningitis, at the age of 12½ years. In the third week of the illness she was delirious and in the course of her delirium she exhibited (visual hallucinations). She was mentally blind in that she could not recognize people, yet a hand or any crease in the counterpane became to her a snake.

In the fifth week recovery set in and intelligence returned. In the sixth week suddenly she developed into a different personality. While in bed reading and playing with her dolls she commenced to shake and clear a space around her. Then she said, "It is coming," turned a somersault, and sat up in bed in this new personality.

Her manner was now childish, and her words clipped as in baby talk. She also used words wrongly. She had some conception of her normal self, whom she called "the person." She always said she was "very cross with that person for going and leaving her."

Her third personality she called "Old Nick." In her fourth she was deaf and dumb. At another time she became imbecile and blind, and while blind she could draw, although unable to draw at other times.

By the time she was 16 her normal personality had practically vanished. As a rule she gave herself a new name with each personality.

POSED AS REAL ENGLISH LORD

Fred Brooks Now Under Arrest at Memphis Charged With Bigamy.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 5.—Masquerading as an English lord, Fred J. Brooks has managed to accumulate at least two wives, and the Memphis police believe that when they dig up his complete record many more will come to light.

One of the victims, Mrs. Fred J. Brooks of Detroit, Mich., writes the police that when she was in Memphis with her husband they went by the name of Clarke. Brooks was an insurance solicitor here, and in the course of his business he learned that his company had paid a large sum to Mrs. Sallie Blanche McCallum of Mount Pleasant, Miss., and he immediately went down to investigate. Finding that Mrs. McCallum was a large land owner he introduced himself as Lord D. Milton Sinclair of London, England, and in a few weeks won the heart of the Mississippi widow.

He stated that he preferred traveling incognito on account of the curiosity and immodesty of the "hot polloi" in starting at members of the English aristocracy. The couple were married at Jackson, Tenn., and proceeded to Mt. Pleasant, where for a few weeks the prospect was lively.

But the new husband was anxious for a glimpse of his wife's ancestral halls, and when her importunities for departure for England could no longer be resisted, Brooks left his wife and daughter in the train to Detroit. Hearing no hue and cry he ventured back to Memphis, and in applying at the postoffice for a decoy letter was grabbed by the police. Charges of bigamy and larceny are registered against him.

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TEST YOUR KIDNEYS

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Let some morning urine stand in a glass for 24 hours; if a reddish brown sediment forms, or if particles float out, or if the least cloudy or smoky, your kidneys are seriously affected and utterly unable to carry the waste matter out of the body, and

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allowed to run on without treatment the uric acid will clog the blood and poison the whole system causing inflammation of the bladder and urinary organs, headache, backache, rheumatic pains, indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, rheumatic pains and swellings, torpid liver, nervousness, all manner of stupors, and finally, if not treated, a breakdown of the general health, with Bright's disease or diabetes and death. If you are already suffering from any of these diseases, your life is in grave danger, as the kidneys rarely put forth such outward symptoms until the disease has secured a firm hold.

More suffering and deaths result from affections of the kidneys than from all other diseases, and principally because they are not discovered in time.

READ WHAT DR. F. A. CARROLL OF PHILADELPHIA HAS TO SAY:

"Since early childhood I have suffered agonies from hereditary kidney and bladder disease. My father had spent a small fortune among the best doctors in the country for treatment, but system made me worse. I was very delicate, and as I grew older the pain became so terrible that I could hardly stand up."

"One day, while filling the teeth of a business man in my office, I was taken suddenly with such awful pains across the small of my back that I had to give up entirely. Then he told me he had just the remedy he had used, and he had cured me. I was suffering so much, and he believed so thoroughly it would cure me that he ran out to a nearby drug store and bought a bottle and handed it to me at least ten times."

"The first bottle proved that he was right and by the time I had finished the third I felt ten years younger. I took three bottles more and was entirely cured. After the sixth bottle I had gained 45 pounds, and am as healthy as any man living. When I went home to visit my parents they hardly knew me. I had changed from a delicate boy into such a strong healthy man."

"If it had not been for Safe Cure I would have been in my grave long ago, as I was failing fast."

We have thousands of such letters from grateful men and women all over the world who have been rescued from a life of suffering and an untimely end by taking Safe Cure.

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DRAGA'S JEWELRY IS FOR SALE

Special Cable to the Post-Dispatch.
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PARIS, Dec. 5.—The Paris newspapers are giving publicity to the following letter addressed to the editors:

"The sisters of the unhappy Draga offer for sale the following objects: A diamond diadem worn by the Queen at her wedding; a bracelet with diamonds and emeralds, a wedding present from the Emperor of Russia; a diadem with a veil of the Serbian costume; a Serbian costume with earrings, with diamonds and pearls."
"BISTRI, PATRONAGE (near Lounineville), Pattonkof Strasse 31, Munich."

Not Really His
"So you got those pearls in the war. You have a right to be proud of them, sir."
"Well, not exactly. You see, I was a substitute."

"Dearest, if I were far, far away, could you still love me?"
"Why, Reggy? What a question! I'm sure the farther you were away the better I should love you."

Piercing Cold Winds Chill the Blood

Hundreds of St. Louis People are Suffering From Severe Colds and Coughs.

The sudden changes in the weather cause many people to contract Colds in the Head, Throat and Chest, from which serious results often follow. Such dangerous diseases as Pneumonia, Pleurisy and Consumption. There is today being offered to St. Louis people a scientific treatment for the above ailments which is making most remarkable cures. This new remedy is Paracanth, a combination of refined camphor and soothing healing oils, which, when applied, penetrates through the pores of the skin directly to the seat of the trouble, removing the congestion, soreness, fever and inflammation by stimulating the circulation and inducing perspiration. So don't take any chances of getting Pneumonia or Consumption by allowing your cold to hang on; go to your druggist today, get a bottle of Paracanth, use it as directed in the circular around each bottle, and if it fails to do exactly what the manufacturer claims, go back to your druggist and get your money. Don't hesitate; don't argue. It may be too late next week. But as thousands of other people in St. Louis will do today, take home a bottle of Paracanth and cure yourself of that aggravating and annoying cold. Paracanth is endorsed by the medical profession and everyone who uses it. Mothers with croupy children will find Paracanth a safe and sure remedy. Sold only in 25c, 50c and \$1 bottles by all good druggists.

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Adapted from "Nuggets."

JEFFERSON CITY IS READING MOSBY'S BOOK

First Copies of "Ben Blunt" Reached the Missouri Capital Saturday Morning, and Each Separate Statesman Is Off in a Corner Ascertaining What Mosby Has Really Said

MOSBY COMES TO ST. LOUIS AND SAYS HE PICTURED TYPES

He Says That Because One of the Characters in His Book Is Known for His Wink It Does Not Follow That This Character Is a Caricature of Dockery, for "All Politicians Are Winkers"

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 5.—Jefferson City is doing today what it has been wanting to do ever since it read the last Sunday Post-Dispatch. It is reading "Ben Blunt." The first copies of Speed Mosby's book reached the capital city this morning, and the big men of the state administration. They have stolen into seclusion to read that book. They want to know of their own sight and understanding. It is the story of political life at Jefferson City. The advance review of the book published in the Post-Dispatch last Sunday has been the chief topic of conversation in Jefferson City all week. It is only interested politicians. It started them. The resemblance which some of Mosby's pen pictures bear to Gov. Dockery and other prominent personages at Jefferson City struck the state house circle as being about the boldest thing ever done in Missouri literature.

Politicians Are Not Pleased With Mosby

The politicians are not pleased with Mosby. Whether the book is a satire on Missouri political life carrying pictures of the governor and others in its story, or whether it was merely intended as a satire without an attempt at such caricatures, the state house circle considers that the book will be seized upon by the enemies of the administration as capital political thunder, and that only one interpretation will be put upon it by the people who will look into its pages, with what might be called malicious intent.

Nothing has created so much of a stir about the state house in a long while. The fact that the book is dedicated to ex-Gov. Lon V. Stephens is a thorn in the side of the administration. The politicians express surprise that Mosby should have done this to say nothing of his temerity in writing the book at all. They point out that Mosby is an "attaché of the administration under a good salary; that he should have indulged a better reverence for his superiors, and that he took advantage of his appreciation of the fact that he cannot be fired without giving the impression that the literary shoes he has made fit the state officials too snug for their maker to be tolerated at Jefferson City.

Speed Mosby is one of the brightest and most highly respected young men in Jefferson City. He holds the important position of deputy clerk and stenographer in the supreme court, which position he has held for the past twelve years. He was honored by the people by election to the important position as a member of the Jefferson City school board, and made the race as a Democrat when the political lines were closely drawn and the city elected nearly all the other Republican city officials.

Mosby has exemplary habits, does not drink, and only occasionally he smokes. He is a pleasant gentleman, courteous and polite, and knows how to make his visitors feel at home with him. He is the editor of the Cole County Democrat, and articles from his pen have been copied by many of the leading eastern journals and political magazines. He is a single taxer, but this doctrine he does not urge very strongly in his paper.

He is a busy man. The book he has prepared has been written after he has completed his work for the day at the supreme court.

MOSBY SAYS HE COULD NOT HELP WRITING THE BOOK

Speed Mosby was in St. Louis several days last week. He was here attending to the circulation of the first copies of "Ben Blunt" to come from the publisher's press. Mosby is quite tall and portly. His forehead is very high and broad. His large, round, dark blue eyes are deep set in his head. They are so dark they look black. They betray the different moods of their owner, but they never blink or wink; they look at you straight and square, not in a stare, but kindly. He has a strong nose; his lips are thin and when his mouth is closed they form a firm line, showing character. Her chin is dimpled, indicative of good nature.

Mr. Mosby discussed his book, the political questions and various other subjects with the Post-Dispatch.

"In writing my book I have not tried to portray individuals, but types," he said. "They are types that are not only familiar in Missouri politics, but throughout the entire United States."

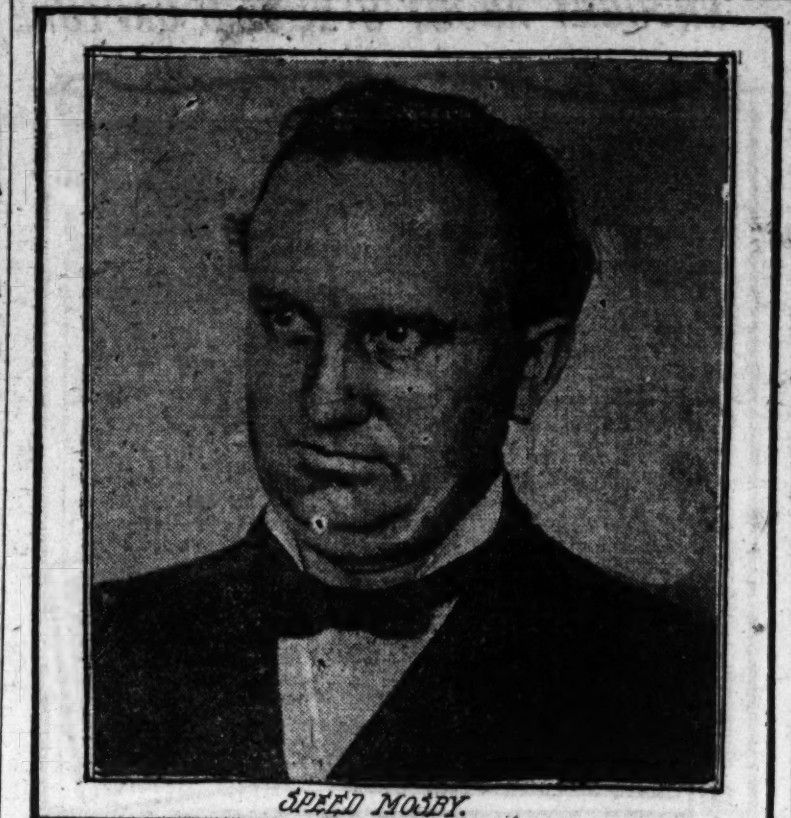
"Yet you describe a certain man's famous wink."

"All politicians wink. I have never known one who did not. The political wink is by no means individual."

"I do not want it understood that the book is a harsh book. It was suggested to me by my experiences when I made a personal campaign for the office of prosecuting attorney, in which I was defeated. The book is not a narrative of my campaign, but it suggests the story."

"I don't want to review my own book. Arthur Lang says an author should be compelled to review his own book; that nothing so disgraces an author as the first ap-

THE AUTHOR OF "BEN BLUNT," THE BOOK WHICH HAS CAUSED A STIR IN MISSOURI



SPEED MOSBY.

pearance of his own book; that he always finds a great many things that he wishes he had not written and thinks of a great many things that he wishes he had written.

"Did you write the book for any purpose?"

"No, I wrote it because I couldn't help it. I am the man who committed murder in self-defense. I did it without motive, without means and without power. I don't know whether there will be any money in the book or not, but I can never be robbed of the pleasure I had in writing it. I wrote it as I do everything that I write because I couldn't help it. I like the smell of it. I used to make a living setting type. I am an honorary member of the Typographical Union. I do not follow it now, but I am proud of my craft."

"I was born and raised in Linn, Osage County, Mo. My father was a lawyer and owned a newspaper, and at the age of 18 I edited the paper. It wasn't much editing, but in the evening of youth I thought it wonderful. The paper is still in existence; it is the 'Unfettered Democrat.'"

"I have lived in Missouri all my life except a short time, when I was about 17. I took Horace Greely's advice and went west to grow up with the country. I went as far west as I could get, but found the country already grown up, so I returned to Missouri."

"Will you ever enter the political field again?"

"Not in a personal campaign. I like to make speeches on the current leading political questions of the day, but as far as personal politics is concerned, I never made but one attempt, and that was my first and last. I do not consider my connection with the school board political. The only political issue I ever took in that was to get the schools out of politics."

"I am very much interested in educational matters. I did not have advantage of a college education myself. I only had the common schools of Linn, but I have been a constant reader and a student of all my life. Our public schools have produced some brilliant men and women, but I think we are lacking, sadly, in moral training. We neglect the moral side of our education and a student of all political life is almost as ambitious as it is brilliant. The public life of a man must reflect his private life. We have created a brilliant citizenship, but it is not as good as it might be. I am judging this nation by its public life. I know of no other criterion. The strength of any country seems to me to lie in the honesty of its citizens rather than in its intelligence. The intellectual side is essential, but not more so than its honesty."

"I do not want to be understood as being harsh in my judgment of others. I love people better than anything. Next to people I love music. German music is the best of all. It is full of songs, soul-stirring songs and soft lullabies."

"Have you written anything before?"

"I have contributed to newspapers and periodicals. I edit the Democrat in Jefferson City. I also published a little book on 'Supreme Court Practice'—rules of the court, with annotations. Most of my writing has been on economic, social and political topics. The article of which I heard the most was an essay on 'Church Taxation.' All the Catholic papers took it up. Rev. Madison C. Peters took the opposite side."

"Another was an essay on the fellow-servant doctrine, which I advocated in the American Law Review. This was copied and read and discussed all over the country."

"Are you a lawyer?"

"Yes, that is, I am an academic member of the bar. I was admitted in 1886, but I have never practiced. I studied law while the rest of my party were studying free slaves."

"I never take a prominent part in personal politics. I study the ethics and social problems of the nation. I have honest men above all others. We must have them if we are to stand as a nation. Unless they leave self and apply honest principles they are weak and not good public officers. The trouble with the present day politicians is the thought of self. When they get power they become intoxicated with it and they forget their high principles. Politically our country is corrupt; not only Missouri, but every state of the Union, and some are worse than we are. I think we should be commended for confessing our sins. People are to blame for the present state of affairs. They do not take any interest in the politics of their country. They let the politicians run it. They are not careful."

"A selection of men for high office?"

"I never check it. It won't stop it. Bribery is hard to throttle. It lurks around in the dark; daylight hurts its eyes. American politics will be corrupt until we educate the moral side of our nation, and the people themselves become more and more honest and demand honest government."

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STATE CAMPAIGN AT TWO POINTS

Folk, Hawes, Reed and Gantt on the Stamp in Missouri

Circuit Attorney Joseph W. Folk spoke Saturday afternoon at Plattburg to a good audience. He addressed himself chiefly to the necessity of purifying Missouri politics.

Harry Hawes of St. Louis, Mayor Reed of Kansas City and Judge Gantt spoke Saturday at Marshall.

BAKU IN A FERMENT.

Buyer for American Oil Firms Threaten to Leave

Special Cable to the Post-Dispatch.
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ODESSA, Dec. 5.—The commercial world at Baku, on the Caspian Sea, is much excited because the representative of American petroleum firms, who goes there yearly to purchase kerosene, has decided to leave and break off all business relations.

Since the price of crude oil has risen in the same proportion as refined, the Russian firms refuse to fulfill their engagements. The Russian committee, anxious to keep up relations with the American market, offered to mediate between the contending parties, as the American bought 60,000 tons of kerosene of a single Russian firm.

A REED SHAKEN WITH THE WIND.

Without Will Power, Courage, Ambition, Energy or Hope, the Dyspeptic Is Willing to Give Up the Struggle.

The confirmed dyspeptic has as little interest in life as any human being. He is uninterested in his duties and is indifferent to its charms. He is unable to enjoy the business and social relations that constitute the life of the average man. All his hopes are absorbed by the one hope to get well and again be able to enjoy the good things of life. Until this is realized, he is sick at heart and feels himself to be of little use.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are the sufferer's true life. They will cure him and bring him health and happiness just as sure and certain as he takes them. They are sure because they are natural and no other cure but a natural one is just as well as a stomach would. They contain exactly the same chemical properties as the digestive fluids of the stomach.

By putting Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets in a bottle or jar with any kind of food, meat, eggs or vegetables, with sufficient amount of water, the process of digestion is carried out just as it is in a healthy human stomach and in the same time. There is consequently no unnatural disturbance of the digestive organs resulting from the use of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. They relieve the weak and worn-out stomach of its work and permit it to rest up and recuperate and regain its normal health and strength.

A well-known Buffalo physician says: "I prescribe Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets on all occasions as a relief for weakened and run-down stomachs. I find they contain all the ingredients necessary for the proper digestion of the food and will do more to give the stomach the needed rest than any medicine I could prescribe. They have never failed to give immediate relief in all my cases and I do not hesitate to recommend them to all sufferers from Dyspepsia."

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PASSING THE WORD.



When beef is up, and coal is high, And rents are coming up not slow; A nickel buys the great P-D; Two pounds of words and pictures—See!

MILLIONS FOR HER IF LIKE MOTHER

Telephone Girl to Get Miner's Fortune if She Has Certain Characteristics.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 5.—If 18-year-old Mary Agnes Redford, an operator in the telephone office, has the same pretty features that her mother, now dead, had when a girl, she will receive a fortune of \$300,000, in round numbers. But if this telephone girl, no matter how good looking she may be, has not a striking resemblance to her mother, then it may mean that she and her attorneys will have to go through a long litigation and even that she may not establish that she is an heiress to millions.

Photographs of Miss Redford are now being taken, to be used in showing her right to this fortune that is now making a romance of other chapter in a romance that commenced 40 years ago.

A grizzled old miner of Cariboo, B. C., is to act as judge and jury in this matter, at least, so long as they will let him, for he is executor of the will which bequeaths some \$300,000 to a Miss Mary Agnes Redford, nee La Salle.

La Salle is a name that is well known in this city, bears a resemblance to an old sweetheart of his partner who died two years ago, then she shall receive this fortune.

That is one of the terms of the will left by La Salle's partner, whose name is not known here. The will provides that the daughter of a woman who married that name, William Redford, and who died about 1862 shall be given half of his mining interests, or about \$300,000.

The will says the name is Mary Agnes Redford. Before he died the partner of La Salle told him that this girl lived on Oakland, now Mary Agnes Redford, a telephone operator in this city, has a father named William Redford, but unfortunately she has not heard from him for years.

Further, this telephone girl's mother died in Alameda in the year of 1880. Before her death she gave her daughter some gold nuggets of value, but did not tell her child where she had secured them. The friends of this "heir to a fortune" believe she will have no trouble in establishing her claim to the millions.

La Salle's partner loved Mrs. Redford, but she saw fit to marry William Redford. This was 40 years ago. La Salle says he can recognize the daughter of his partner's sweetheart and now he will be tried by photographs.

Dr. Haines, the celebrated dentist, who discovered a night, mysterious, medicinal agent, Odorous and Tasteless, Which Cures Drunkenness and Makes It Impossible to Drink Intoxicating Liquors.

Miss Green said to a reporter: "Yes, father is a reformer, and my friends think it a miracle that I cured him without his knowledge consent. I had read here a San Francisco lady had cured her husband by using a remedy secretly in his coffee and food and wrote to Dr. Haines for a trial package. When it came I put some in father's coffee and food and watched him closely, but he wouldn't tell the difference so I kept it up."

"One morning father got up and said he was hungry. This was a good sign, so he rarely ate much breakfast. He went away and when he came home at noon perfectly sober I was almost frantic with joy, as for it will make many a day before in over 10 years. After dinner he sat down in the big arm chair and said, 'Well, my boy, I had a good cry, and now I hate the night and smell of liquor and am going to stop drinking. This was too much for me and I told you that I had done. Well, we both had a good cry, and now we have the happiest home and the kindest father you can imagine. I am so glad you will publish this experience, for it will make many others, and let them know about that wonderful medicine.'"

Dr. Haines, the discoverer, will send a trial package to all who write for it. Enough of the remedy is mailed free to show how it is used in tea, coffee or food, and that it will cure the dreaded habit, freely and permanently. Send your name and address to Dr. Haines, 1000 Broadway, New York City, and he will mail a free trial package to you. The package contains a bottle of the medicine, a glass, a spoon, and full directions how to use it. Books, pamphlets and testimonials from hundreds who have been cured and permanently. Send your name and address to Dr. Haines, 1000 Broadway, New York City, and he will mail a free trial package to you. The package contains a bottle of the medicine, a glass, a spoon, and full directions how to use it. Books, pamphlets and testimonials from hundreds who have been cured and permanently. Send your name and address to Dr. Haines, 1000 Broadway, New York City, and he will mail a free trial package to you. The package contains a bottle of the medicine, a glass, a spoon, and full directions how to use it. Books, pamphlets and testimonials from hundreds who have been cured and permanently. Send your name and address to Dr. Haines, 1000 Broadway, New York City, and he will mail a free trial package to you. The package contains a bottle of the medicine, a glass, a spoon, and full directions how to use it. Books, pamphlets and testimonials from hundreds who have been cured and permanently. Send your name and address to Dr. Haines, 1000 Broadway, New York City, and he will mail a free trial package to you. The package contains a bottle of the medicine, a glass, a spoon, and full directions how to use it. Books, pamphlets and testimonials from hundreds who have been cured and permanently. Send your name and address to Dr. Haines, 1000 Broadway, New York City, and he will mail a free trial package to you. The package contains a bottle of the medicine, a glass, a spoon, and full directions how to use it. Books, pamphlets and testimonials from hundreds who have been cured and permanently. Send your name and address to Dr. Haines, 1000 Broadway, New York City, and he will mail a free trial package to you. The package contains a bottle of

MAN OR HOUSE ON AN ILLINOIS FARM.

It Adorns Robert Allerton's Superb Estate, Consisting of 8000 Acres, Near Monticello.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 4.—Like the famous manor houses of England is the homestead of Robert Allerton, known as The Farms, near Monticello, in Platte County. The tract comprises 8000 acres of the richest land in Illinois.
Robert's father, Samuel W. Allerton of Chicago, was the original owner, but when the son became of age he placed him in full control, with authority to operate the group of farms as his judgment dictated. Each farm contains about 500 acres, with houses and barns of substantial character. The farms are subdivided into tracts of 100 acres, each inclosed with a hedge or post and wire fence. The crops are rotated on the most approved plan of advanced agriculture, raising about equal amount of corn and oats, with pasture and

wheat lands. Many cattle of the finest quality are raised and fed here being at the present time about 1000 head on the place. In addition, thousands of hogs of the best grade are fattened for market. Sheep are also raised extensively. About 50 hands are employed in the cultivation of The Farms and all are comfortably housed.

Allerton has, since entering into his inheritance, created the finest agricultural home in the Mississippi Valley. The property was transferred after the young man had completed his education abroad, and he has had charge for three years.
The house was designed by a Philadelphia architect, and is a beautiful structure, situated on a commanding hillside of the Sangamon river. The dimensions are 90 feet in length and 100 feet width. It is a beautiful grove. The house has all the conveniences and comforts of a mansion in a metropolis. All the barns and outbuildings are constructed of red glazed brick manufactured in Galesburg. The grounds have been laid out by a landscape gardener and embrace a lake, terrace, gardens, etc., which, with carefully kept lower beds and shrubbery, combine to make a home fit for a prince.

The South is making great strides toward high places in the commercial world. In ten years the value of real and personal property there has increased 51 per cent. while in New England and the Middle States the increase was only 22 per cent. The per capita wealth in the South during the same period increased 23 per cent, while in New England it was but 2 per cent and in the Middle States 10 per cent.

HOW FRED STRUBE WAS RUN TO EARTH

Capture Effected Through the Good Work of Sheriff John Hunolt of Knox County

TRAILED HIM FOR DAYS

Took Up the Scent When It Was Two Days Old, but Followed It With Unerring Accuracy

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
MACON, Mo., Dec. 4.—Perhaps the most interesting figure connected with the exciting 15-day chase of Frederick Strube, who murdered his sweetheart in the woods near Topeka, Ill., Nov. 14, was John M. Hunolt, sheriff of Knox County, Mo., who had charge of the man-hunt in Missouri. The capture was effected at Macon by Chief of Police James Woods, acting under positive information furnished by Sheriff Hunolt.

In appearance Hunolt resembles a preacher. He is deliberate of speech and action. Not over five feet eight, and weighing less than 150, smooth-shaven and slender, he doesn't seem very formidable. But he has been in several desperate encounters with criminals, and has invariably struck the right scout. When he went into office less than two years ago, Charles Edwards, a mixed Indian and negro desperado, was a fugitive, being wanted in Missouri for several murders and the theft of 18 horses. Hunolt located him up in Iowa, set out with a posse, heavily armed. On Feb. 17 they came up with the bandit near Bloomfield. Edwards had been in the penitentiary several times and decided he wouldn't go any more. He stood with his back against a tree and fought until shot down and killed. The convict was noted for his politeness and excellent use of English. Once when before Judge Shelton for horse-stealing he started to address the court:

"Most honorable Judge, before you pass sentence," he began, "I would like to say, your grace, that I don't want to leave it. You are sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. Judge Shelton knew the desperate character of the man. Edwards got out inside of a year by feigning insanity, and industriously plied his old game until shot down by Hunolt's posse."

When Strube sold his horse and buggy in Edina on the 18th he fell into the hands of the sheriff. He left but one clue in the Knox County town—his assumed name, John Strube—on the check. Thereafter Hunolt knew if he ever run across John Strube he would have been a murderer. The seat was covered with blood, and he knew it was the vehicle in which Alice Hennrich was murdered by her jealous young lover.

Took Up the Trail Two Days Old

Hunolt was away from Edina when Strube was there, and the trail was two days old when he took it up. He was a detective and conductor on the "O. K." line that ran through Edina could furnish no tangible evidence. The sheriff went over to Kirksville, Adair County, and visited every hotel and boarding house in town. Then he went to the night club 2 o'clock in the morning looking through saloons and watching trains. At 4 o'clock he stepped into the Central, a small tavern run by J. M. Quinlan. He had passed it by the very last, four days ago. On the register, "John Strube, Edina," on the register. It was the first ghost of a clue he had struck, but it was a good one. It showed the man was yet in the state. The room of Strube was empty when the sheriff entered, but one had seen him go out, or had any idea where he went.

Running the boy had gone out in the country in search of farm work. Hunolt procured a team and drove all around Kirksville, within a radius of 10 miles. Strube's picture was shown to every farmer in that territory, and a reward was promised a share of the reward if he furnished any reliable information concerning the fugitive. The same proposition was made to certain police officers in the towns. Every strange German boy, with short and curly black locks, running loose in the district, was from that time a subject of strong constabulary and many an innocent from the Fatherland was kept in town looking without knowing why.

At Adair County, Mo., the boy took the Wahash southward to Moberly. While the train stopped at the stations he was on the platform talking to a crowd of men. At each place he would call a crowd of men around him and show them Strube's picture.

"This is a horse-thief wanted in Ottumwa, Mo.," said the sheriff. "He's around in this country somewhere and I've got \$100 in my pocket for the man that directs me to him."

There was no trace at Moberly and Hunolt returned Saturday afternoon, getting off at Macon. He went to the hotels and examined all the registers. Finally, on a dollar-a-day house he read: "John Strube, Edina." Unobserved, he erased the name and substituted one of his own. "I had been going down in my own pocket for expenses," he said, "and I didn't care to have someone else drop in and care to my game at the wind-up."

Every farmer-looking man in town was interrogated, and the Knox County sheriff drove all around town, and over in the western part of the county. He contacted Chief of Police Woods that he had finally located his man in a certain territory and that he would probably go through town within one or two days. He knew, he felt, that Strube would head north, and he went back into Adair to intercept him there, in case he went around so as to avoid Macon.

But the boy didn't go around. He came over boldly on a regular passenger train, and the Macon officer knew he had him as soon as he put his foot on the brick platform. The quarry threw up his hands and told the whole story within an hour after his arrest. The reward was divided equally between Sheriff Hunolt and Mr. Woods.

"I made up my mind to get him," said Hunolt, "if I had to visit every town and farm in northern Missouri. The only way to capture a man is by systematic effort, and you must have faith, must believe the right clew will turn up eventually. An officer who goes after a man shouldn't let the wind discourage him. There is a better friend than prowess. But it's best to have both."

All Sorts.
The number of men employed on the railways of the United Kingdom, being 523,523. In 1891 there were in London 57,000 tailors; in 1871, 58,000; in 1881, 40,300; in 1891, 52,300, and in 1901, 80,000.

The British Medical Journal asserts that many "vicious" diseases are distilled alcohol in the strongest form.

Twenty thousand young children, daily and nightly, stand in the streets of London offering various articles for sale.

Some of the English medical papers are advocating the appointment of trained nurses as stewards on steamships.

An future at football matches in Manchester, England will consist in the fact that the game will be open while the game is in progress.

Crowd-sellers have just had an addition of two bells. According to tradition it was at Crowds that the first fumble ball in the British Isles was used.

The London Times, commenting on a correspondence letter on child labor, says that in 1844, says in 24 years 40,000 children have been sent to Canada.

In the library at Haverhill, castle, Lord Casman's residence in Hampshire, are the table and chair which Napoleon used when he signed his abdication at Fontenoy.

In Australia, under a new law, no contract can be made for the carrying of mails by any steamship line which allows a colored man to work on any of the ships. The mail steamers which have been largely manned by dark-skinned British sailors from India.

KNOX COUNTY, MO., SHERIFF WHO BROUGHT ABOUT STRUBE'S CAPTURE



JOHN M. HUNOLT, SHERIFF OF KNOX COUNTY, MO., WHO DIRECTED THE CHASE FOR STRUBE. JAMES W. WOODS, CHIEF OF POLICE, MACON, MO., WHO CAPTURED STRUBE.

CHINESE WOMAN ON MISSION TO CHINA

Educated in America, She Will Return to Native Land to Teach Her People.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 2.—Miss Anna Stone, the young Chinese student, who has been a protegee of Miss M. J. W. Joyce during the past five years spent in this country in acquiring an education, will soon return to her home city to begin educational work among the Chinese women.

When Bishop and Mrs. Joyce returned from their trip through China, Miss Stone returned with them. She began her school work at Hamline, but later went to Fiske Institute, in New York, and was graduated from there about a year ago. The last school year she spent at a college in Missouri. Miss Stone comes from a talented family. Her older sister, Mary, was brought to this country by Miss Howe, a missionary, and was graduated from the medical department of Ann Arbor, with the highest honors of her class. She, with another American-educated young woman, is now at the head of a large hospital in Kin Kiang, the home city of the Misses Stone. The father was one of the first Christians of central China. He took part in the Boxer rebellion and his recent death was undoubtedly caused by the deprivations endured at that time.

It is Miss Stone's purpose to establish a school for the Chinese women of Institute, where the women who have already earned to read can continue their Biblical study and also learn more of the religious nature of the country as well as of the customs. They will also be instructed in some of the sciences, especially those that relate to nature and the universe, so as to lessen the superstitions by which they are fettered and to make them understand that the earthquakes and eclipses and other manifestations of nature's laws are not evil.

Judging by the reception of Dr. Stone by her own people, Miss Stone hopes for great success in her capacity. Dr. Stone has succeeded in opening homes

which it would be almost impossible for the Chinese or any other foreign people are opposed to missionaries in this way.

"In our town, for example, there are some hundred foreigners and only 10 missionaries. The non-Christian foreigners are there for business reasons in the majority of cases, and do not hesitate to take advantage of the Chinese and often treat their Chinese servants cruelly, and the Chinese fail to discriminate between this class and the missionaries until they are better educated and know the latter more intimately."

The common saying is that the besthen are better off as they are, leave them alone. Miss Stone met with the following analogy:

"Suppose some family is perfect in every respect except one son. He is a drunkard and spends his time at the saloons, wasting his life away. He feels perfectly satisfied with himself still, wouldn't it be natural for all the members of his family to try to reform him and win him back again?"

This fall Miss Stone accompanied Mrs. Joyce to the executive meeting of foreign missions, held at Baltimore, and called on the new Chinese minister while at Washington. Miss Stone was much pleased with the broad and liberal views he expressed in favor of the education of the Chinese women and in favor of missionaries.

Miss Stone has always dressed in her native costume. She is a very earnest and modest little woman, entirely in love with her calling. She possesses a remarkably sweet voice.

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Proof of Poverty.
"I come of poor but honest parents," said the beggar pleadingly.

"There was no hardship of poverty that we only have to endure," protested the beggar. "That's what you all say," retorted the housewife.

"Few people in this world know privation as we know it."

"Why, ma'am," asserted the beggar in desperation, "that whole family of six people there wasn't a single beggar."

"Poor fellow! Come in and let me give you some pie."

For instance, we are whirled on the outside of the earth just 13 miles, and have gone around the sun 1089 miles; a ray of light has traveled 11,000,000 miles; the lower and your car can catch has made 999 vibrations; the loudest tone, 2,238,000 vibrations; 24 barrels of beer.

1700 barrels of beer; 999 cigars have been made; 300 tons of coal have been mined, and 360 worth of gold has been extracted from mother earth.

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My Dear Doctor—I was treated by you for a very aggravated case of rupture more than twelve years ago. Any one who has not been afflicted with such disease can not possibly imagine the terrible suffering one has to endure. Several physicians advised an operation as the only cure, which I positively refused, owing to the danger and bad results thereof. As fortune would have it, I happened to meet a friend who had been cured by you, who praised you very highly and advised me to consult you, which I did in September, 1890, and two months later you discharged me, perfectly cured. Your treatment was painless and did not detain me from my business, and I must say that your cure of my case seems now most wonderful to me. You did not require any money in advance; in fact, you refused to accept the same, preferring to wait until I was cured. Ever since you discharged me I have been actively engaged in my lively business, and I assure you I had almost forgotten that I ever was ruptured until I happened to meet you last week. You have my permission to publish this letter if you see fit, and I sincerely hope it will be the means of bringing some poor sufferer to you for treatment.

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MOTHER SEES HER LONG LOST CHILD

PORTLAND, Ind., Dec. 5.—Nineteen years ago James Bowman of this city was a passenger conductor on the Cincinnati, Richmond & Fort Wayne Railroad. He is now engaged as a traveling salesman for a Muncie wholesale house, and his regular route takes him throughout southern Indiana.

One day about 18 years ago a handsome young lady boarded his train at Geneva. As the train was pulling into this city the lady approached the brakeman and asked him if he would kindly take care of her baby while she spoke to an acquaintance waiting at the depot here. The young fellow gladly consented.

That was the last seen of the woman, though the authorities made a thorough search for her.

The conductor took the child to his home and adopted it. As she grew up the girl was given a good education and all possible advantages by her foster parents.

A few months ago Bowman was making

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Dr. H. Harkins of 408 Main st., Kansas City, Mo., says: "I drank liquor for five years, took the last drink for liquor since, and even today cannot hear the smell of beer or whiskey. Mrs. C. H. Schenck, Paola, Kan., says: 'I was given morphine by a physician to allay pain and became addicted to the habit. Was cured eleven months ago in one week without the least sickness or inconvenience. Improved from the first day I commenced treatment. Have never had the least desire for the drug since. There are hundreds of living testimonials like the above, who have been cured and endorse our cure.'"

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his trip through the southern part of the state. He called at the little town of Bilton, and on entering one of the stores there was surprised to see a middle-aged woman whose face bore a striking resemblance to one he had seen before. A little inquiry developed that the woman he was speaking to was the one who had left the child in his charge years before.

The woman begged of him not to betray her to her friends in the little town and told him a harrowing tale of man's cruelty. She also asked that the child be not told of her parentage. Bowman was prevailed upon through the mother's tears and pleadings to grant these requests.

The mother asked permission to call and see her daughter, but unknown to her and her daughter made her resist. The mother spent nearly all the summer with her child, and at times, as she later confessed to Mr. Bowman, it was almost impossible to resist the temptation to throw herself upon her daughter's neck and confess all. But thoughts of what the result might be as to the future of herself and her daughter made her resist.

The mother had accumulated a little fortune since the day she left her daughter in care of the Irish brackens. Her happiness has been lost to her through the loss of her daughter, of whom she was unable to find trace until told of her whereabouts by Bowman.

SMOKE BLINDS HUNTERS.

Texas Duck Were Preserved by a Cloud From Prairies.

HOUSTON, Tex., Nov. 28.—Woodlands, prairies and plains were scoured by Houston hunters yesterday, but it was a groping search for a smoky cloud that hid the ducks under most difficult conditions.

Game was abundant. The rice farms swarmed with it, and on the bay there were millions of ducks and geese. Perhaps never on one day were so many Houston sportsmen afield. They hunted in the midst of game and with the whirl of wings resounding in the air, the ducks were continuously shot with only smoke in sight.

Occasionally birds were gotten up at close range and then a shot or so could be had. In this way a little game was bagged and nearly every man, but there were no big killings.

The evidence that nearly every man and boy who is addicted to the habit of throwing a gun over his shoulder and strapping on a shell belt was out yesterday, is abundant. At the ammunition stores the sale of shot and shell was phenomenal.

Stores where guns are rented were out of that line of business before the shades of evening fell. At one store 25 guns were engaged at noon, exhausting the supply, and there was a demand for more than an equal number during the afternoon.

If C. Sherrod and party went to China on an early train and could have killed the limit the law allows, it would be minutes after getting on the hunting grounds but for the smoke. It was thick enough to shut out and nearly to the face. The quacking of ducks all around the hunters and the whir of wings was constant. Occasionally they would get a shot at close range or would make a guess aim at the range of the smoke.

To the east the air seemed more grim than in other directions. Two men with a pair of white dogs who went forth in the morning came home as if they had been in a mine explosion. The dogs were a dirty black and the men might easily have been mistaken for Ethiopians.

One Advantage.

From the Washington Star. "I must admit, 'Christy,' dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "that when a lot of women get together for a 'shoot' about nothing in particular, 'or course they do.' Was the rather crusty 'But there's one advantage in that. So long as they are talking about nothing in particular they aren't getting any of those dreadfully expensive tips on the races."

MORMONS BUY OLD ILLINOIS JAIL WHERE MOB KILLED JOS. SMITH



OLD JAIL AT CARTHAGE, ILL., WHERE MORMON PROPHET WAS KILLED.

CARTHAGE, Ill., Dec. 5.—An interesting landmark, the scene of a tragedy, has been sold to the Mormons. This is the old jail in which the Mormon prophet, Joseph Smith, and his brother Hyrum were killed by a mob in June, 1844. It is built of sandstone and is well preserved. It was then the sheriff's residence, one room being used

for a jail, and it has always been occupied as a residence. It stands on an acre of ground well improved. The property was sold to the Mormons last week for \$4000—\$2000 under its real value. It has been occupied for years by the recent owner, J. M. Browning, and his popular family made the historic building a social center till the family were dispersed by death and marriage.

A. H. Woodruff of Chicago negotiated the sale of the building for the Mormons. It is reported that the building will be removed to Salt Lake City, to be set up there as a memorial.

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LAYS HIS ILL-LUCK TO BIG BLACK CAT

Negro Accused of Attacking New York Woman Asserts His Arrest Is Due to a Feline Hoodoo.

MOUNT VERNON, Nov. 21.—Protesting his innocence and declaring that he will establish an alibi, Ned Green, called the Berry Wall of Mount Vernon, because he has always been the smartest dressed negro in town, spent the night in a cell at police headquarters.

Fearing that some of the friends of Miss Thelen might, the photographer for ex-Senator James M. Smith, who accuses Green of attacking her at Bronxville, might attempt to lynch Green, the authorities were afraid to lock him up in the dingy little jail at Bronxville, and so, under orders of Judge Thatcher, he was kept here.

Miss Thelen reiterates her statement that she is positive that Green is the man who seized her by the throat and tried to force her through the hedge near the Bronxville church the night before election.

She fought the man with a bat and tried to scratch his face. Her screams for help were heard by Clarence Moore and then her assailant ran away. A vigilance committee comprising residents of Bronxville searched the woods for several days, but could get no trace of the negro.

His hearing was given Green in the parlor of Chief of Police Van Buren's home, and Judge Thatcher of Bronxville to-day fixed Green's bail at \$200, pending the examination on Nov. 12.

Senator Mills appeared before the judge and said that in behalf of the district attorney he would prosecute Green. Stephen Z. Stillwell, counsel for Green, declared that the prisoner would prove a clear alibi.

"Why do you know," said Mr. Stillwell, "we have fifty witnesses to prove where Green was on the night of the alleged assault. In the first place, Green was interviewed by the Republican candidate for sheriff at Fortchester at 8 o'clock on that night. It took him nearly an hour and a half to reach here. At 7:30 p. m. he was talking to Mayor Fiske, and then from 7:30 until he was at a Republican meeting, as we shall prove by Alderman Nixon."

Green says all his ill luck is due to a black cat.

"On the night before I was arrested," said he, "a black cat ran in from the street. I knew I was in for something then. I had a tip on Orthodox in the first race yesterday, and would have made \$100 if I had not been pinched by a conductor on a trolley. I will prove by a conductor on a trolley that I was not at the scene of the assault. I saw a man answering Green's description standing by the Bronxville church, and he will identify him positively in court."

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 <p>Solid Gold Front Brooch. Handsome Solid Gold Front Brooch. Latest brooch design, hand chased and engraved and set with a beautiful brilliant La Perla Diamond, about 1 karat in size. —Our price.....\$1.50</p>	 <p>This Brooch. Is an exact duplicate of one purchased from Tiffany & Co. of New York. For \$2500. Yet it costs less than one side. Buy side and now you can detect the difference. —Our price.....\$2.00</p>	 <p>Ladies' Marquise Ring. Each stone set with the same care that we should take if we were mounting genuine diamonds. We can furnish this ring in any combination of stones desired. The entire ring is guaranteed for twenty years. —Our Price.....\$3.00</p>	 <p>Crochet Scarf Stick Pin. Very neat and popular design—both stones and setting warranted to give satisfaction. —Price.....\$2.00</p>	 <p>Star Sunburst.—Exact copy of one costing \$275—a very beautiful design—the stones are set with as much care as if they were the genuine. Mounting is solid gold filled—both stones and mountings are guaranteed for a lifetime, actually worth \$4.50—our price.....\$4.50</p>	 <p>Exquisite Gypsy Last Brooch. Set with 1/2 karat stone, impossible to detect from a brooch costing \$75.00. Our price.....\$3.00</p>	 <p>Gypsy Ring. Mounting is gold-filled, set with brilliant La Perla Diamond, with either rubies or emeralds or sapphires. A ring worth \$200—our price.....\$3.00</p>	 <p>Beautiful Sunburst. One of the most brilliant of gem designs. Guaranteed for 10 years. —price of diamonds about \$200—our price.....\$2.50</p>	 <p>Tiffany Ring. Stone is full of fire and color, and is set in high fashion mounting. Guaranteed for 10 years. —price.....\$2.00</p>	

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FOUND GUILTY OF NUMEROUS FADS

The General Public Is Convicted by
Club of Chicago
Women

LATEST HOBBIES, DISSECTED

Concentrated Food Tablets, the Cut of
Men's Trousers and Microbes Are
Mocked At.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 5.—The public was convicted yesterday, convicted of being "fad-crazy." The verdict was returned by the members of the Irving Park Woman's Club after two hours spent in discussing fads. The prevailing fads were enumerated by Mrs. H. M. Carter, Mrs. D. R. Stockley of the Twentieth Century Club of Evanston, and City Attorney Mattison of the same city.

The compressed food tablet and the breakfast foods were pointed out as the possible solution to the servant girl problem, and the prediction was made that before long men would go around with their socks hanging loosely over their shoulders, with their gloves turned back, and their trousers rolled up.

Here are some of the fads which were derided:

Yellow journalism.
Authors with long names.
Side Talks with Girls.
Different treatments to make women beautiful.

Fish dinners with live fish on the table.
Dinners for monkeys.
Lillian Bell.

The historical novel.
Books with rough edges.

Use of this "foreword" in books instead of "preface."

Turned up trousers.
Present shape of trousers.

Burnt wood.
Visiting Waldorf-Astoria when in New York and the Annex when in Chicago.

The Kangaroo Walk.
The Athletic Girl.

Compressed food tablets.
The uncooked food notion.

The soaked raw wheat craze.
The peanut cure for insomnia.

The anti-baking powder fad.
The microbe in everything.

Attacks the
Microbe Scare

Mrs. Stockley urged that the microbe scare had become so general that food that have been eaten for ages are now being regarded with suspicion.

"Small fruits," she said, "even the beautiful, luscious strawberry have become a fruitful source of controversy. The one man who has the fine mechanical effects of their small seeds upon his internal machinery; his neighbor as firmly believes that every small seed that passes through his lips makes a bee-line for his appendix."

"Drinks, too, are in great variety, and each is liable to its share of fame and peculiarity. The Tribune some time ago published an interesting article upon 'fashionable drinks' and I much interested to read of 'Columbian soups,' 'Gin Rick-ets,' 'Mamie Taylor's,' 'Hazy Moments,' 'White Caps' and 'Al-phonses'—the latter is said to have come of cocoa for a base and sweet cream floating on the top—nothing was said of what was between."

Mrs. Stockley said that the compressed tablets would be convenient for shipment to the missionaries in the far East, but urged that the American housewife was not ready for the innovation.

Modern Novels

Catch It, Too

Mrs. Carter ridiculed the make-up of the present day novel, the uncut rough finished pages, the glaring covers, and the long named authors.

"Are the writers afraid they will be forgotten," she asked, "unless they impress the public with a lengthy name?"

"One fears to contemplate the fate which would await them were some new books to appear written by plain Charles Dickens or John Milton or William Shakespeare. What a pity that the names were not written Charles Gadshill Dickens or John Montgomery Milton. The less said about the curious book titles chosen the better, but color seems to appeal to the author in choosing. We have had the 'Black Tulip,' the 'Yellow Aster,' the 'Green Carnation,' the 'Blue Flower'—but of all colored appears to be the favorite. We have the 'Red Potage,' 'Red Cockade,' 'Red Rock,' and 'Red Badge of Courage.' To be exact, I counted 34 red titles in the catalogue."

"Lastly," declared Mrs. Carter, "we have the autobiography fad in literature, but as Mrs. MacLane, herself, would say, 'Good Devil, Deliver Us.'"

"When the present shape of trousers" topic was reached words failed utterly to express the derision of the speakers. "We should treat them with silent contempt," declared the chairman—"ignore them if possible."

"They have one good point—the pockets," said one married woman, but the club passed over her jest in silence and adjourned.

HUNTING FOR HIS FATHER.

Claude Moore Would Like to Know
Whether His Father Is in the
Land of the Living

Claude Moore of 21 South Fifteenth street is trying to find out the whereabouts of his father, provided that gentleman is in the land of the living; and if not he would like to know where his remains are interred.

Young Moore thinks he was born near Bogard, Ind., in 1800. Two years later his mother came west to Liberty, Ill., but the son does not know whether his father had died or whether the couple had separated. Some time later she married Matthew West. She died when Moore was six years old.

At that time he was placed in the Catholic Orphan's Home at Alton. For the past two years he has been trying to find out about his father, but with no success. His mother was Mary Jane Lykes before she married. He has located his step-father, but says he refuses to tell him anything about his parents.

UNSEEN HANDS PLAY PIANO.

New Jersey Family Mystified by Al-
leged "Spirit" Music

MILLVILLE, N. J., Dec. 5.—"Spirit music" emanates from a piano at Newcombtown, and the family which owns it is mystified beyond measure.

Some time ago a man named Hoffman purchased the instrument. Nothing unusual was noticed about it until three days ago. While the family were seated at the table music was heard in the parlor. The father concluded that a neighbor had stepped in to play.

At the conclusion of the meal the members of the family stepped into the parlor, when they declared they noticed the steps moving, but they immediately stopped upon their approach. Occasionally since then it is heard, even in the midst of the night, the piano starts playing as if by spirit hands.

Natural Query

"I wish I had been born a dumb beast," said the youth with the impertinent grin. "Why, you don't mean to tell me that you would rather be a dumb beast than a human?"

"No, I don't mean to tell you that," said the father, "but I do mean to tell you that you are a human being."

"I am a human being," said the youth, "but I don't want to be a human being."

"Why not?" asked the father.

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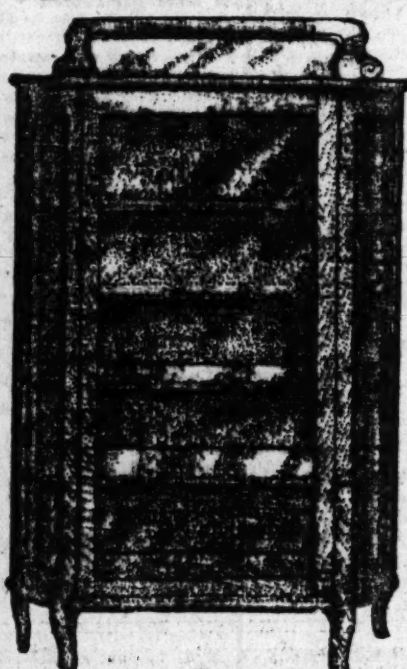
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DECEMBER CHINA CLOSETS



Here are over 75 handsome China Closets that must be closed out this week. They're all this season's best, styles in rich golden oak, all of them embellished with a handsome pattern plate mirror at top. These reduced prices will undoubtedly make quick work of the entire lot. The reductions are bona-fide—the values the greatest we ever offered.

- \$22.50 China Closets.....\$15.50
- \$30.00 China Closets.....\$18.75
- \$38.00 China Closets.....\$23.00
- \$45.00 China Closets.....\$29.50
- \$60.00 China Closets.....\$37.50

DECEMBER CLEARANCE OF WARDROBES.

If you need a good, roomy Wardrobe you couldn't ask for a better opportunity than this! Our entire stock of Wardrobes—from the cheapest to the very best—goes in this sale at prices that'll clear them out in a hurry. A visit to May-Stern's this week will convince you of the extraordinary character of this sale, and will prove to you that the bargains are here, just exactly as advertised.

- \$7.50 Wardrobes have all been reduced to.....\$4.98
- \$12.00 Wardrobes have all been reduced to.....\$7.75
- \$16.00 Wardrobes have all been reduced to.....\$9.50
- \$22.50 Wardrobes have all been reduced to.....\$12.50
- \$30.00 Wardrobes have all been reduced to.....\$21.00



December Clearance of HALL RACKS.

Last week we saw an opportunity to secure the entire made-up stock of Hall Racks from one of the best manufacturers at Grand Rapids at 60c on the dollar. We couldn't resist the temptation! The goods are here and will go on sale, together with our own large line, at lower prices than you ever thought possible. The prices are named below—but nothing but a personal inspection can give you any idea of the astounding values this opportunity offers you.

- \$5.00 Hall Racks—cut to.....\$3.98
- \$7.50 Hall Racks—cut to.....\$4.80
- \$12.00 Hall Racks—cut to.....\$7.98
- \$15.00 Hall Racks—cut to.....\$9.75
- \$20.00 Hall Racks—cut to.....\$12.50
- \$30.00 Hall Racks—cut to.....\$18.75

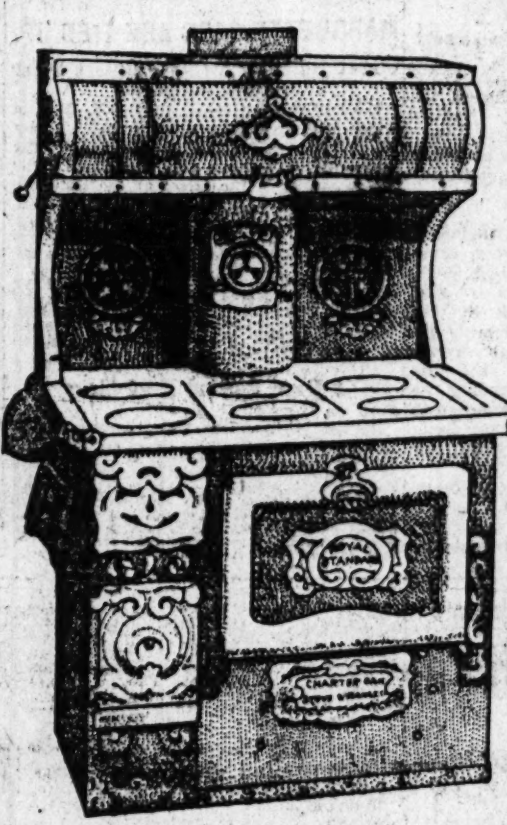
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3000 Enamelled Sauce Pans, Three-Quart size—like cut—made of the celebrated Dresden Seamless Steelware—heavily enameled in mottled blue and white and white enameled lined—complete with heavy tin close-fitting cover—regular price \$1.00—Monday (and as much longer as this big lot of 3000 lasts) yours for ONLY

25c Each

CHARTER OAK STEEL RANGE



(Exactly like cut) for
\$2 CASH
And \$2 a Month.

This is the celebrated Charter Oak Co.'s "Royal Standard"—a high-grade massive range, made of POLISHED BLUE STEEL—with 6 holes, warming closet, large oven, duplex grate, drop tea shelves, punch feed and all the latest improvements—a fine \$45 steel range for

\$28⁷⁵
\$2 Cash and \$2 a Month.

\$1 CASH FOR THIS BED OUTFIT

Consist'g of Iron Bed, Spring, Mattress
and Pillows—like cut—balance
50c a Week.



Again this great offer that never fails to create a sensation. Enamelled Iron Bed, handsomely trimmed with brass rails at head and foot; retails regularly at \$8.00—good woven-wire spring, worth \$3.50—excellent mattress, worth \$3.50, and a pair of good pillows, worth \$2.50—total value, \$17.50. This week only—on easy terms of \$1.00 cash and 50c a week—we offer these complete outfits at the unparalleled low price of.....

\$11.75

DECEMBER CLEARANCE DRESSERS

We never do things by halves! We waded into this great stock of Dressers—closed our eyes to cost and profit—and slashed the prices to a level that'll cause the swiftest and most enthusiastic buying on your part. We didn't reserve or spare a single one—they all take space that we need for our new line that's coming in—and they all must go at any sacrifice. Incredible as these reductions may seem, you can depend upon the accuracy of every word and figure!

- \$12.50 Dressers for....\$7.75
- \$15.00 Dressers for....\$10.50
- \$22.50 Dressers for....\$14.00
- \$25.00 Dressers for....\$16.50
- \$35.00 Dressers for....\$21.50



December Clearance of CHIFFONIERS

We don't see how any woman can close her eyes to such an opportunity as we present to you here. Must be over 200 Chiffoniers in this lot—one finer than the other and all at the most astounding low prices ever named. The best bargains will naturally go first—so if you're interested it would be wisdom to come promptly. Here's what you may expect:

- \$6.50 Chiffoniers for....\$4.25
- \$10.00 Chiffoniers for....\$6.75
- \$16.50 Chiffoniers for....\$11.50
- \$25.00 Chiffoniers for....\$16.00
- \$35.00 Chiffoniers for....\$22.50

December Clearance of HEATING STOVES

A rousing sale of Heating Stoves is scheduled for this week! Prices have been reduced to a point that will interest lots of people. The assortment is large—too large to suit us—but it gives you an almost unlimited line for your selection. All the best makes are here—in all sizes and all styles—and every one guaranteed by the manufacturers as well as by May, Stern & Co.

- \$6.50 Heating Stoves for....\$3.98
- \$10.00 Heating Stoves for....\$6.75
- \$15.00 Heating Stoves for....\$9.00
- \$22.50 Heating Stoves for....\$14.00
- \$30.00 Heating Stoves for....\$22.75



SPECIAL!



Steel Couches

A few more left! Steel Couches—exactly like cut—constructed in the strongest possible manner—full size and good springs—worth \$6.00—Special for this week at MAY-STERNS for

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THE KING OF COUNTERFEITERS IN CUSTODY

Secret Service Officers Believe They Have Succeeded in Breaking Up the Most Dangerous Gang That Has Been Organized Within Recent Years

CAPTURE OF HENRY DAVIS AND NINE CONFEDERATES

Not Since the Days of Old Bill Brockway and the Webster \$10 Bill Has There Been Such an Important Raid of Criminals

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 5.—With the arrest of Henry Davis and two companions in a lonely house at Revere, Mass., and the capture of seven men in New York, the secret service officials believe they have caught the king of counterfeiters and broke up the most dangerous gang that has been organized in recent years.
In the house at Revere was found the plant of the counterfeiters. The little 35-year-old child of the leader was found there in charge of the work. Davis, who is one of the prisoners. Not since the days of "Old Bill" Brockway and the time that the famous Webster \$10 bill was circulated by the gang that had for the "shower" of a "paysmaster" in a hat manufactory, has there been such an important raid of counterfeiters.
Chief Flynn arrested Harry Meyer, Benjamin Farber, Jacob Farber, Moses Hawben, Nathan Stein, Harry Stein and Morris Isenberg in New York. They are supposed to be agents of the Boston gang.
Secret Service Detectives John E. Murphy of St. Louis, Joseph Murphy of Boston, Frank Burke and Anton Ricci arrested Henry Davis, Moses Novak and Joseph Daumplitz at the so-called plant in Revere.
They got plates and bills valued at \$2000. Only about \$500 in bills were found. They were imitations of the \$5 Indian note, \$10 Buffalo and the \$20 yellow certificate. Just how much money the gang has circulated the secret service men do not know. The members were ready, however, to print and float a million dollars in "the money." They were doing nothing as "coilers."

It will be some time before the whole counterfeiting plot comes out; not until one of the gang "peaches." The most interesting character in the gang is Harry Davis, the engraver and the brains of the band. He is only 37 years old, and once worked for the United States government. He has all the appearance of a well-bred man, and is acknowledged one of the most dangerous counterfeiters in the world. He is a Russian, and, according to Chief Flynn's men, he went to London a few years ago and while there made \$5 notes in the Bank of England and a few Russian notes. He has been known under the alias of Schwartz, Stein, Wieman, Schmidt and Lieberthal. He is so clever at engraving that he can make notes that will deceive experts.
Davis is said to be the author of government paper manufacture. He has a process of his own by which he can imitate the silk thread that is a part of the genuine government note. He is wanted in New York on an old indictment for counterfeiting.
Three teams of fine paper, manufactured in the Pittsburgh paper mills, of which ex-Gov. W. Murray Crane is the head, led to the arrest of the counterfeiter. The plan was made by a secret process and contains the silk threads that are familiar in genuine notes.
All of the prisoners in Boston were held in \$100 each.
The secret service men have been after the Davis gang for the last year or more. They kept a close watch on the graver in the country. When an expert leaves a bank note company the secret service men know just where he has gone, how much salary he receives and what the prospects are for him to go to the back. Such a man is the work of a counterfeiting gang. Without him the gang could do nothing.

BURIED ALIVE, SHE MAY DIE

Young Woman Contracted Extraordinary Complication of Diseases During Her Experience

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 5.—Mamie Lamar Rogers, the young woman who was buried alive recently as an experiment, is in the Charity Hospital in a precarious condition. It is predicted that even if the present illness does not prove fatal she will never regain her health.
Her condition is the direct result of her terrible ordeal, although it was stated at the time that she had often been buried alive.
The long exposure to dampness and cold, the unnatural position in which she was buried and the one position occupied by her during the whole time of her ordeal, have caused a complication of diseases, among them typhoid fever, complicated with pneumonia, suppurations of the ear and tuberculosis of the lungs.

THE WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Forecast:
Tues. and Wednes.—Fair; Monday, fair; warm in eastern portion.
Indiana, Illinois—Fair; Monday, fair; warm; fresh westerly, becoming southerly.
Western Texas—Fair Sunday and Monday; light to fresh northeast winds.
Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Arkansas—Fair Sunday; Monday, warmer.
Nebraska—Fair Sunday; warmer in southern portion; Monday, fair; warmer in eastern portion.
Kansas—Fair Sunday; warmer in western portion; Monday, fair; warmer.

NOT COLD ENOUGH FOR SKATING

Sunday Will Be Clear and Fresh, but Sun Will Keep Mercury Up

Cold, fair weather is promised for St. Louis today. On account of the bright sun the mercury will go low enough to make skating a safe sport. The day will, however, be favorable for walking, according to the fore-caster.

His official announcement is, "Fair Sunday; continued cold. Fresh westerly winds." The cold wave is general, and in the north is severe, the thermometers at many points in Minnesota registering far below zero. Frost has extended as far south as Los Angeles, Cal., for the first time this winter, with rain scattered west of the Mississippi.

The only snow reported is along the upper lake regions. The East, unlike the remainder of the country, is enjoying mild weather.

VICTIMS ROUT SALOON ROBBER

Fire Upon Would-Be Highwayman After He Had Made Them Hold Up Hands

Harry Smith, aged 28, is at the City Hospital suffering from a gunshot wound in the back, which he received early this morning at the saloon of Daniel O'Brien, Ninth and Tyler streets.
Smith entered the saloon, and it is alleged, pointed a revolver at the bartender and four others who were leaning against the bar.
The men obeyed his order to throw up their hands, but one of them drew a revolver and fired at the intruder, the bullet striking him in the back.
Smith was severely wounded and was hurried to the City Dispensary. From there he was sent to the City Hospital.

JEKYLL AND HYDE OUTDONE BY WOMAN

Exposes Her Misdeeds While Under Opium's Spell and Rebels at Accusations When Awake

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 5.—At a special meeting of the Tabernacle Baptist church, the society decided to withdraw from a prominent woman communicant the hand of church fellowship. The nominal charge was "walking disorderly."
The modest retirement of the objectionable communicant was the climax of a mysterious case which rivals anything that has ever been encountered in Utah. It is a case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde outdone. The habitual use of opium is said to have made this woman her own accuser. She is said to have repeatedly attacked herself by exposing her alleged misdeeds, and then, recovering from the spell, she would rebel against the accusation.
The mysterious case of the woman, an created existed for several months. Last spring, a preacher was amazed by the receipt of an anonymous communication attacking the character of Mrs. Marjha Owens. The letter not only defamed her character, but demanded an investigation.
A few days later, Mrs. Owens called upon her pastor for advice. She said she had received a threatening, defaming letter, and was astounded when told that the minister, too, had received such a letter. She implored the minister to investigate, naming a woman whom she suspected. The letter continued to arrive, and the woman became more and more enraged, engaging the aid of the church deacons.
Recently, Mrs. Owens was called to the office of the district attorney and questioned very closely by the letters. It was there that the work of a New York handwriter, expert was of value. The woman was compelled to write, from dictation, a duplicate of one of the letters she had received.
The letter and her copy looked entirely different, yet the expert, after examining the two, pronounced them the product of the same hand.
At first the woman denied the intimidation she was the author of the letter. Later, with the spirit of one who had but just awoken from a dream, the woman gave the church board the startling explanation which resulted in the exposure of her secret process and contains the silk threads that are familiar in genuine notes.
All of the prisoners in Boston were held in \$100 each.

ANNOUNCE COMING OF STORK

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She Has Had Money Left to Her and Freely Gives Up Claim

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Josephine E. Henry, a widow pensioner of Boston, has requested and the commissioner of pensions has discontinued her pension. In submitting the request she says: "I had no support, and I did not feel that it was right to draw the pension under those circumstances. I give it up of my own free will, not being willing to swear that I am dependent upon my daily labor. If at any time my income is reduced so I come within the law I shall ask to be restored to the pension roll."

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MISSIONARIES WANT TO INVAD DOWIE'S ZION

Ask Receivers for Permission to Preach "Religion" to Prophet's Followers, and to Convert Them From His Materialistic Ways

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BIG CREDITORS DECIDE THE RECEIVERSHIP IS BAD THING

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It is urged that the residents of Zion City at this time are in a receptive frame of mind.
Receivers Blount and Currier replied that they could not mix in religious matters and could offer missionaries no protection. Jacob Newman, attorney for the receivers, said: "It is true that we have been asked to permit religious workers to go to Zion City and preach among the people there. We have told the clergyman who brought to get such permission that we were handling the commercial and material problem and could not be expected to try to mold the conscience of morals of the people. If religious workers or charitable associations should invade Zion City and be arrested for violating local laws, it might bring up new questions, involving a clash between civil and religious authorities."

Judge Kohlman in the federal court refused the petition of John S. Lee, a Dowie creditor, that an indemnity bond of \$500,000 be demanded from three creditors who applied for the receiver in bankruptcy. The court said it was willing to hear arguments on the point made.
Either through fear of an expensive receivership or a belief in Dowie's solvency, his largest creditors have rallied to his side. They are represented at a meeting today at which \$200,000 was represented and decided that a receivership was not a good thing.
There were 75 creditors and lawyers attending and, while there was a diversity of opinion on the bond and receivership matter, they were apparently a unit on the idea that the present receivership was a mistake. One of the creditors who filed the petition in bankruptcy were ill-advised and against their best interests.

A committee was appointed to go to Zion City tonight and have a conference with Dowie and his cabinet. A determined effort will be made Monday to end the receivership.
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INAUGURAL BALL OFF, RELIGION HOLDS SWAY



MRS. J. C. W. BECKHAM, Wife of the Governor of Kentucky.

Mrs. Beckham, Wife of Kentucky's Governor, so Affected by Traveling Evangelist's Preaching, She Forbids Function in Honor of Husband.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 5.—Owing to a "protracted meeting," which has swept over Frankfort, Kentucky's capital, the ball which has always been a special feature of the inauguration of a governor, has been declared off for next Tuesday.
This has been brought about by a traveling evangelist, who has been inveighing against theaters, dancing and card playing for the past few weeks.
He spoke in the Opera House, the free use of which was donated to him. Gov. and Mrs. Beckham have been constant attendants at the meetings, which have not only made many converts, but have divided their church.
The pastor of the church at which Mrs. Beckham was an attendant was actively in opposition to the movement, and it is said, for that reason, Gov. and Mrs. Beckham have withdrawn their membership. Last Thursday the Opera House was to have been used by a traveling company of players, but not a seat was sold for the night, so the company packed up its costumes and moved on.
So seriously has Mrs. Beckham taken the work of the evangelist that it has been announced that the ball which was to have wound up the inaugural day for Gov. Beckham has been abandoned. The first time in the history of inaugurations in Kentucky.

KRAZ CASE TO BE DECIDED TUESDAY

GUADALAJARA, Mex., Dec. 5.—The hearing of the Kraz case has been concluded and the decision will be rendered next Tuesday, when the finding will be forwarded to the department of foreign relations. Kraz is held without bail pending the final decision on the application for his extradition.

MAD GREYHOUND BITES 2 PERSONS

J. H. Ricks, Owner of the Dog, and His Mother Attacked by the Animal

Two persons, a horse and ten dogs were bitten by a blooded greyhound, belonging to J. H. Ricks of 1419 Monroe street, which ran about the neighborhood, mad, for two days.
His last attack was upon a team of horses hitched to a stake wagon which was passing the Ricks home last night. The dog plunged from the house through an open window and attempted to leap on one of the horses. Failing in this he bit the horse in the leg. The driver hurried the team away before further damage was done.
J. H. Ricks, owner of the dog, was bitter in the night, and his mother, Mrs. Mary Ricks, was bitten on the back of the neck. Only by vigorous use of a broom did she save herself from further severe injury.

WAS MAD FOR TWO DAYS. IT LOOKS LIKE COMMON SALT

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—A little glass phial about the size of a sulphur match and containing a whitish substance that looked more like common table salt than anything else, came to America two weeks ago guarded more carefully than the big con-signments of precious gems that traveled on the same ship.

It was a little pinch of actinium, a substance even rarer and costlier than radium. It was sent over to Dr. George F. Kuns, the mineral and diamond expert at Tiffany's, whose experiments with radium, polonium, helium and hydrogenated minerals are well known. It came from a man named Demerle, who discovered it while working in Paris in co-operation with the Curies, the discoverers of radium and polonium.
Actinium is priceless. Radium can be bought, though in a restricted market, for \$100,000 a pound. There is not a pound of actinium in the world, and if there were it would cost \$100,000,000.
Nobody knows much about actinium. A faint idea of its power may be gained from the fact that its radio activity is 10,000 times greater than the powerful uranium.

Tuesday evening Dr. Kuns took the actinium before the Princeton Chemical Society at Princeton and gave a demonstration of some of the wonders that can be performed by the salt.
Actinium and its emanations are closely akin. The existence of such a metal had been suspected for fifty years, but the actinium finally discovered is a glow between itself and the stone. In the darkness it is only slightly luminous. In experiments that have been made, nothing definite has been learned of its power. It is supposed to lose its radiant energy after being exposed for a time and to regain its energy when shut up for a brief space in a container.
Dr. Kuns said that actinium may prove of value in the treatment of cancer. Actinium rays have already been used in the treatment of tuberculosis.

TWO TAKE BAD \$1 BILLS.

Conductor and Bread Salesman Give 95 Cents Change Each

More victims of the two young men, who have been passing counterfeit \$1 bills on North Broadway, were discovered by the police yesterday, but the men are still at large.
William Schubert, an Easton avenue conductor, and the manager of the National Biscuit Co.'s store at Seventh and Chestnut avenues reported last night six exchanges made by them to those of the North Broadway merchant who had received counterfeit \$1 bills in payment for 5-cent purchases.
Between 8 and 9 o'clock last night the two young men, who were for sale, like the merchant, gave 5-cent change. A loaf of bread was purchased of the biscuit company.

CENSOR, MASTER OF THE PRESS IN CRIPPLE CREEK

Threatens to Lock Up Denver Correspondents and Thus Prevent News From Strike Field From Reaching the Outside World

ALL NEWS MUST HAVE HIS "O. K." OR IT CAN'T BE SENT

Declaration of Martial Law Has Paralyzed Business and Residents Remain Off Streets Patrolled by Heavily Armed Pickets

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Dec. 5.—The declaration of martial law has paralyzed business in this city.
Heavily armed pickets of the national guards are stationed on all street corners and many residents of the city do not venture upon the streets. Provost Marshal Thomas E. McClelland is occupying the mayor's office. He has caused the arrest of several persons, but no important arrests have yet been made.

Following the suppression of an editorial in the Victor Record, Provost Marshal McClelland has threatened to cut off Cripple Creek from the outside world by locking up the correspondents of the Denver papers and to censor all matter to be sent to the Denver papers.

Maj. Taylor, commanding officer, in the absence of Col. Verdeckberg, stated today that a new censor from the city of Denver would arrive in the district and be in charge of all news to be published in the future. The name of the censor he has not divulged.

The troops are here at the order of Gov. Peabody, who declares rebellion exists in this section.
The alleged acts of lawlessness are the result of the strike of the Western Federation of Miners, that has been on for several weeks.
One of these acts was the explosion of an infernal machine in a mine, causing two deaths.

MINERS SAY SIBERIA IS A PARADISE WHEN COMPARED TO COLORADO

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 5.—The executive board of the Western Federation of Miners today issued an address pledging the moral and financial support of the organization to all members in Colorado, Arizona, California and every other locality where they "are fighting a battle against corporate despotism and for the uplifting of humanity."

To the coal miners who have joined in the fight for an eight-hour day, the address said: "We declare that the conditions of our organization."
Concerning Gov. Peabody's action in placing Cripple Creek under martial law, the address says:
"The executive board can find no words sufficiently strong to denounce this action, the most brutal form of coercion, that enables Russia to maintain a paradise when compared to Colorado."
We know no surrender, and justice will arise from the staggering blows administered by a soulless executive, and the future will record the political and economic revenge of an oppressed people who are awakening from their lethargy to smite unbridled tyranny, a blow that will end in its eternal death."

EDITOR OF THE VICTOR RECORD TELLS OF HIS CLASH WITH CENSOR

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
VICTOR, Colo., Dec. 5.—Gov. Peabody declared martial law in the Cripple Creek district on Friday at noon. That evening Maj. Taylor, in command of the troops of this district, notified the Victor Daily Record that it should not publish any more of the Western Federation of Miners' statements on strike conditions.

He further warned George E. Kyner, managing editor, that he would be held responsible for any expressions appearing in the paper that might not please the military.
An editorial and several columns of reading matter, ready in the forms, giving the paper's views on the proclamation of martial law, were ordered destroyed or the paper would be put out of business. The editor was instructed to adhere to straight news matter and no criticisms.
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The Record is an official organ of the Western Federation of Miners, who are out on strike. It is also the official organ of the city of Victor and the largest daily of the Western Federation of Miners' statements on strike conditions.

The Record force was arrested by the military two months ago and confined in the "bull pen" until released under habeas corpus proceedings. It has been uncompromising in its criticism of the high-handed work of the military here, and has been a strong factor for the men on strike.

The suppressed editorial and martial law was not needed, but the governor's actions would probably be established, that all life in the district would be put out of business. The editor was instructed to adhere to straight news matter and no criticisms.
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DEATH HOVERS OVER STOWAWAY

Imprisoned in the Hold of an Ocean Liner for Fourteen Days Without Food or Water

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 5.—Self-imprisoned in the hold of an ocean liner, it says without food and water, Robert Leslie, a stowaway, was rescued today in almost a dying condition. He had lost 80 pounds in weight.
Leslie slipped on board the British steamship "Barclay" at Liverpool, England, while the vessel was taking on her cargo at Liverpool, two weeks ago, and secreted himself among the merchandise.
When the vessel was out at sea, he endeavored to find his way out, but was unable to do so. For ten days he tried to attract the attention of those on board, but failed. He was found by the crew, down to die, despairing of rescue.

THE prices quoted below will surely satisfy your expectations. Every item, every article, every yard of goods, has been re-marked and greatly reduced in price. An opportunity of this kind has not offered itself for many a day where you can buy the cream of all merchandise in this city at this season of the year at prices that will prevent you from buying elsewhere.

Umbrellas.

Ladies' Umbrellas; steel rod, Paragon frame; handles, Dresden, pearl, horn and Crooks; worth \$1.00—Sale Price	50c
Ladies' Union Taffeta Umbrellas, with hem or tape edge; all the latest fancy handles; worth \$2.50—Sale Price	\$1.35
Ladies' Umbrellas, with choice novelty handles, especially desirable for holiday season; worth \$4.00—Sale Price	\$3.25
Men's 24-inch Umbrellas; steel rod, Paragon frame; handles, ivory, horn, natural wood; worth \$2.00—Sale Price	\$1.35
Men's Umbrellas; all-silk serge, also union taffeta, with tape edge; extra fine line of handles; worth \$2.50—Sale Price	\$2.98

Waists, Skirts, Jackets and Evening Gowns.

Up-to-Date Garments for All Occasions.

Ladies' Fine Flannel Waists; black and colored; were \$1.50—Sale Price	39c
Ladies' White and Figured Oxford Waists, also 22-inch Brilliant Waists; were \$2 to \$3—Sale Price	75c
Walking Jackets, made of kersey, chevrons and melton cloth; were \$1.50 to \$3.00—Sale Price	98c
Satin-Lined Kersey Box-Front Jackets; were \$2.50 to \$3.50—Sale Price	\$2.98
Ladies' Full-Length Covert Cloth Long Coats; were \$15.00 to \$18.00—Sale Price	\$5.00
Ladies' Corduroy Walking Skirts; (tailor-made) were \$5.00—Sale Price	\$1.25
Tailor-Made Walking Suits; black, brown, gray and blue; were \$15 and \$25—Sale Price	\$7.50
Ladies' Fine Velour Jackets; handsomely trimmed; were \$15.00 to \$20.00—Sale Price	\$7.50
Best Quality Kersey Cloth Suit-Lined 27-inch Long Jackets; velvet collars; colors tan, castor, black, blue and brown; worth \$15.00 to \$18.00—Sale Price	\$7.50
Ladies' Tailor-Made Walking Skirts, trimmed with straps of same cloth; were \$5.75—Sale Price	\$5.98
Imported Evening, Reception and Street Gowns; crepe de chine and lace—Were \$27.50—Sale Price	\$32.50
Were \$75.00—Sale Price	\$35.00
Were \$85.00—Sale Price	\$47.50
Were \$97.50—Sale Price	\$50.00

Lace and Allovers.

15 pieces Fancy White Silk Taffeta; embroidered and applique all-overs; were sold at \$5.00 and \$6.50 a yard—Sale Price, a yard	\$1.50
One piece Hand-Made Real Renaissance Lace Allover; was \$15.00 a yard—Sale Price, a yard	\$5.00
100 pieces mixed lot of Fine Laces; all kinds edgings and insertions; black, cream and white; bands and flouncings; from 2 to 6 inches; were sold at 50c, 60c, 75c and \$1—now, a yard	23c
Real Point Venice Lace Applique Bands; were 25c and 35c a yard; now, a yard	15c
Cream Net-Top Oriental Laces; from 9 to 12 inches; were 50c and 60c a yard—Sale Price, a yard	15c

Neckwear.

Buy your holiday presents now and save.	
Grand slaughter of Beautiful Ruffs; all white, black on white, white on black and fancy combinations; very full and fluffy; \$15.00 Ruffs, now \$10.00 each; \$15.00 Ruffs, now \$10.00 each; \$15.00 Ruffs, now \$10.00 each; \$15.00 Ruffs, now \$10.00 each.	
Fancy Silk Ties; all colors and combinations; 50c and 60c ties, now 25c each; \$1.50 ties, Sale Price, 75c; \$2.50 ties, now \$1.00 each.	
Liberty Silk Fichus; were \$3.75 each—Sale Price, each	\$1.00
Fancy Chiffon Jabots; some trimmed with real duchesse laces; were \$5 each—Sale Price, each	\$1.00
Real Point Venice Lace Collars; were 50c each—now, Sale Price, each	50c

Handkerchief Department.

25 dozen Ladies' All- linen Embroidered Hemstitched Handkerchiefs (some slightly soiled); were 25c and 35c each—Sale Price, each	10c
1000 dozen Ladies' Hand-Embroidered Initial Hemstitched Handkerchiefs—Sale Price, each	5c
1000 dozen Men's Full-Size Hand-Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs—Sale Price, each	10c
100 dozen Fancy Colored Handkerchiefs; chrysanthemum design—Sale Price	75c

Blankets and Comforts.

Blankets—Extra heavy weight, soft fleeced, 11-4 size, worth \$1.50—Sale Price	98c
Blankets—Extra large, heavy-weight, gray, white and red, strictly all-wool—worth \$3.50—Sale Price	\$3.98
Blankets—Extra size, fine white California lamb's wool, steam shrunk—worth \$7.50—Sale Price	\$5.48
Comforts—Large size, white, cotton-filled, covered good French sateen, worth \$3—Sale Price	\$1.98
Comforts—Sateen and Silkoline, large size, carded cotton filling, worth \$4—Sale Price	\$1.45

GLOVES

Ladies' and Misses' Suede and Pique Kid Gloves, slightly soiled, small sizes, worth \$1.00—Sale Price, per pair	39c
Ladies' 2-clasp Kid Gloves, all colors and sizes, every pair guaranteed, worth \$1.00—Sale Price	69c
Ladies' 1-clasp Pique Kid Gloves, all colors; fitted to the hand; worth \$1.00—Sale Price	\$1.00
Men's and Boys' Pile-lined Kid and Mocha Gloves, worth 50c—Sale Price	49c
Ladies' and Misses' All-Wool Golf Gloves, worth 35c—Sale Price	25c

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Every Piano in stock is offered at a tremendous reduction in price, utterly regardless of cost.

- "Denniston" Pianos—Made by the Biddle Piano Co. of New York—music store price \$250.00—Sale Price.....\$98.00
- "Columbia" Pianos—Made by the Krell Piano Co. of Cincinnati, O.—one golden quartered oak—the other in mahogany case—music store price \$300.00—Sale Price.....\$145.00
- Exceptionally Fine Pianos—In beautifully finished mahogany cases—made especially for us by Kops Bros. of New York—music store price \$350.00—Sale Price.....\$150.00
- "Crawford" Pianos—In various woods—every one knows what the Crawford Piano is—it is made under our own supervision by the Krell Piano Co. of Cincinnati, O., and admitted by all to be the best medium-priced piano in the world—music stores would charge \$400.00 for this grade—our former price was \$250.00—Our Sale Price.....\$160.00
- "Krell" Pianos—In quartered golden oak—San Domingo mahogany and English figured walnut cases—each a marvel of beauty—each a gem of interior construction and all possessed of the finest tone quality; they are the standard make of the Krell Piano Co. of Cincinnati, O., the only gold medal winners at the Chicago World's Fair of 1893—music stores would ask \$450.00 to \$600.00 for these high-grade pianos—your choice at this sale.....\$195.00

NOTE—No stools or covers given with any Pianos at this sale.

Third Floor Furniture Department.

Useful Christmas gifts are the most appropriate and there is nothing more useful than a nice piece of furniture.

- Furniture Specials for Ladies.**
- WRITING DESKS—In mahogany, golden oak or birdseye maple; beautifully designed and polished; worth \$15.00—Sale Price.....\$10.00
 - MUSIC CABINETS—In golden oak or mahogany finish; portable shelves; this is an especially nice piece of furniture; worth \$12.00—Sale Price.....\$6.50
 - PARLOR ROCKERS—Without arms; very graceful and beautifully finished; any wood; worth \$7.50—Sale Price.....\$4.95
- Men's Furniture Specials.**
- MORRIS CHAIRS—Oak or mahogany finished frames, with best reversible velvet cushions; worth \$7.50—Sale Price.....\$3.98
 - SHAVING CABINETS—In quartered oak or mahogany finished birch, with large French plate mirror and lock drawers; worth \$12.50—Sale Price.....\$8.50
 - ROLL-TOP DESKS—In solid oak, well made and strong; 3 ft. 6 in. wide, with arm side and side drawers; a \$15.00 Desk—Sale Price.....\$12.50
- A Great Mattress Special.**
- ELASTIC FELT MATTRESSES—100 of the Celebrated Elastic Felt Mattresses; full size, covered in best tickings; they were slightly soiled while in transit, but this has not affected the mattress in the least; it is guaranteed not to mat or pack, and will last a lifetime; a regular \$12.50 Mattress—while they last, for.....\$5.00

THIS WEEK it is cutting and marking down prices on all Fancy Bric-a-Brac, Lamps, Dinner Sets, Pictures, Silverware—in fact, all articles that would make suitable Christmas Presents. FOR INSTANCE, who ever heard of a FRENCH CHINA DINNER SET, two decorations to select from, the factory's choice production, 100 pieces, worth \$22.00, cut to.....\$14.98

Fourth Floor



10.00 Dinner Sets, all new, 100 pieces.....\$6.98	50c Beer Stools.....25c
14.00 Dinner Sets, in rich decalcomans, 100 pieces.....\$9.98	75c Beer Stools.....50c
18.00 Dinner Sets, in rich decalcomans, 100 pieces.....\$12.98	75c Beer Stools.....50c
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50c Chamber sets, best decorations, 10 pieces, cut to.....\$2.49	50c Chamber sets, best decorations, 12 pieces, cut to.....\$2.49
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Stoves and Ranges



10.00 Stoves, all new, 100 pieces.....\$6.98

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Toys and Dolls by the Hundreds.



50c Dolls, all new, 100 pieces.....\$6.98

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14.00 Dolls, all new, 100 pieces.....\$9.98	75c Beer Stools.....50c
18.00 Dolls, all new, 100 pieces.....\$12.98	75c Beer Stools.....50c
22.00 Dolls, all new, 100 pieces.....\$15.98	75c Beer Stools.....50c
26.00 Dolls, all new, 100 pieces.....\$18.98	75c Beer Stools.....50c
30.00 Dolls, all new, 100 pieces.....\$21.98	75c Beer Stools.....50c

Prices Cut on Beautiful Pictures.	
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Boys' Clothing.

For the Little Boys—Sailor Blouse, Sailor Norfolk, Three-Piece and Two-Piece Suits, ages 3 to 8 years; all-wool, neat effects, in stripes, plaids and plain colors; worth \$3.00—Sale Price	\$2.98
Boys' Double-Breasted Suits of good, serviceable fabric; well made; with without rough wear; size 8 to 14 years; worth \$4.50—Sale Price	\$2.48
Boys' Overcoats; the full, manly cut style; made amply big; very swagger effect, in the good, lasting colors, Oxford gray and blues; size 8 to 14 years; worth \$3.98—Sale Price	\$3.98
Boys' Knee Pants; good, serviceable wool fabric; size 8 to 14 years; worth \$1.00—Sale Price	48c

Millinery (Second Floor.)

Once more we are to the front with astounding bargains in Millinery! Every grade and style of headwear is reduced to the lowest possible figure! Positively we are astonished ourselves the prices at which they are selling. Only a few more of those pretty Pattern Hats left, which spoke for themselves all week. They needed no introduction. Our patrons were delighted beyond description to find such unprecedented bargains.

- Every Hat must go. The sooner you make your selection the greater your satisfaction. Come early Monday to find some things in Millinery at prices which were never quoted before in this big city.
- Our \$15 Hats are selling this week for.....\$7.48
 - Our \$10 Hats are selling this week for.....\$4.75
 - Our \$5 Hats are selling this week for.....\$2.25
 - Our \$3 Hats are selling this week for.....\$1.48

On tables you will find various styles of hats in velour, silk, braid, felt, etc., that were \$5, now sell, while they last, for \$1.48, 98c, 75c, 50c, and as low as 25c.

SHOE DEPARTMENT.

Ladies' High-Grade Shoes

Ladies' \$3.00 Patent Colt and Calf Lace Shoes; extension soles and light, flexible soles; all sizes.....\$1.98	
Ladies' \$4.00 Patent Kid and Vel Kid Lace and Button Shoes; high Oxfords and Louis XV heels; all sizes and widths.....\$2.98	

High-Grade Misses' Shoes.

300 Pairs Misses' \$2.25 Orthopedic English Welt Lace Shoes; 12 to 2.....\$1.48	
240 Pairs Misses' Kid and Box Calf Lace Shoes; full extension soles; worth \$1.75—cut to.....\$1.25	

Wash Goods.

49 pieces 32-inch wide Fancy Striped Moccasin; Persian and Oriental designs; worth 15c yard—Sale Price, a yard.....5c	
1 case 32-inch wide Dress Percales, in red and blue, figured and striped patterns; worth 12 1/2c—Sale Price, per yard.....6c	

Lace Curtains, Etc.

Handsome line of very fine Cable Net Lace Curtains, just the thing for holiday guests—our regular price \$3 to \$6—special price for Xmas—pair.....\$3.95	
120 pair Scotch and French Guipure Lace Curtains, best as samples; one pair of pattern slightly soiled; worth from \$2.50 to \$6.00—be closed out.....95c	
100 pair Scotch Lace Curtains, 96 yards—were \$1.50—cut to.....\$1.25	
100 pair Tapestry Portières, heavy fringe top and bottom; curtains that sold from \$1.50 to \$3.00—close out all.....\$2.50	
75 Couch Covers, 50 inches wide, regular price \$1.50—cut to.....\$1.25	
Grill, for doors, in lengths of 3 to 5 feet—former price 25c and 35c—close.....15c	
Remnants of Curtain Swags, 3 to 5 yards in piece—regular price 25c to 50c—close out all.....5c	
Remnants of Panel Lace, 3 to 5 yards in piece—regular price 25c to 50c—close out all.....5c	
4-foot Cottage Rods, in oak (complete), were 10c, cut to, each.....5c	
Silkoline, for mantle drapery, were 10c, cut to, yard.....5c	
100 yards Furniture Cretonnes—were 15c—cut to, yard.....10c	

Ladies' and Children's Fine Hosiery and Knit Underwear.

Children's Jersey Ribbed Knee-Lined Socks and Union Suits; also Ladies' Knee and Ankle Pants; 5c, 10c and 15c—Sale Price.....19c	
Ladies' Jersey Ribbed Platted Wool Vests and Pants and Knee-Lined Cotton Union Suits—were 25c—Sale Price.....50c	
Ladies' extra heavy fine all-wool Premium Ribbed and Flat Vests and Pants, camel's hair natural gray and white; buttons down the front and across the bust—worth \$5.00—Sale Price.....\$3.89	
Ladies' platted wool and all-wool Jersey Ribbed and Flat Vests and Pants, camel's hair natural gray, black and white and all-wool Union Suits and Tights, were \$2.50—Sale Price.....\$1.00	

Hosiery! Hosiery!!

Ladies' Imported Fast-Black Double Pile-Lined Hosiery—were 35c—Sale Price.....22c	
Ladies' Imported Lace Linen Thread Hose, black, beautiful pattern, regular and opera length, sizes a little broken, were \$1.50 and 75c—Sale Price.....48c	
Children's Imported Double Pile-Lined fast black 1x1 Ribbed Cotton Hose, split soles, and infants' fleece-lined cotton, were 25c and 30c—Sale Price.....12c	

Linens.

Home Good Holiday Specials in Our Linen Department.	
TABLE SETS.	
10-4 all-linen open-work hemstitched Table Sets, beautiful patterns in select from 12 napkins to match; worth \$2.50 a set—Special Holiday Price.....\$3.98	

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J. CRAWFORD & CO., Washington Avenue and Sixth Street.

MORMON PROPAGANDA IN SOUTH

Missionaries Will Endeavor to Spread Doctrines of Utah Sect While Supporting Themselves by Labor

Carrying all their belongings in small hand bags, and supplied with only enough money to take them to their destination, seven Mormon missionaries from Utah passed through St. Louis last night on

their way to the southern states, where they will work two years for their church without pay or assistance from home. Under the laws of their church they must support themselves by manual labor while seeking converts. Chester Pulley of Salt Lake City, William Carroll of Canby, Idaho, George Presley of Park Valley, I. R. Pierce of Salem, J. W. Goughly of Preston and Elder Lawrence of Ogden, all are young men. They are members of a large corps of missionaries who are being sent into all parts of the world, including Russia, China and Japan. Only within the past 18 months has the Japanese government permitted Mormon missionaries to enter that country.

SUITOR MET HER, NOT FATHER

Miss Gertrude Morgan Was Sent Away to Forget, but Marriage Followed Her Return

Amel E. Rust is a railroad commercial agent at Cairo, Ill. The wide Mississippi and a few miles of country road separate Cairo and Jackson, but these things don't count. Mr. Rust met Miss Morgan, and they loved. Miss Morgan's parents said they should never marry. The young peo-

ple were persistent, but they were diplomatic. Miss Morgan's parents thought they would help her forget, so they sent her off to Ohio to visit relatives. She remained several weeks. Then her father suggested that she return home. He supposed she had forgotten. She was to come by the way of St. Louis and her father was to meet her. When Miss Morgan stepped from her Pullman yesterday Mr. Rust greeted her. Her father was nowhere to be seen. Perhaps he thought she would wait for him. She didn't. Mr. Rust and Miss Morgan secured a marriage license at the City Hall, hurried to Kirkwood and a minister married them.

MONTICELLO CHANGES HANDS

J. H. Boogher, Representing Southern Parties, Purchases Hotel at King's Highway and West Pine

John H. Boogher, an attorney with offices in the Carleton building, yesterday purchased a controlling interest in the Hotel Monticello at King's highway and West Pine boulevard. In making this purchase Mr. Boogher represented Southern capitalists whose names are not revealed. The Hotel Monticello Co. is capitalized at \$150,000, there being 10,000 shares of common stock and 50,000 shares of preferred

stock. Mr. Boogher purchased 10,000 shares of preferred and 50,000 shares of the common. The Irvine claim for \$25,000 against Hugh C. Dennis, president of the Monticello company, was settled previously to the sale to Attorney Boogher. The new management will assume charge of the hotel at once.

Cruiser Des Moines Is Fast
BOSTON, Dec. 5.—In her official trial over the Cape Ann course today, the new cruiser Des Moines exceeded her contract requirements of 14 1/2 knots an hour in speed, making an average of 16.63 knots per hour. It is thought that the ideal correction will not materially change these figures.

Missouri Fraternal Congress

The Missouri Fraternal Congress held its annual meeting at the headquarters, in the Laclede building, yesterday afternoon. President Noah M. Davis presented a report showing the strides made by the congress during the year. Secretary Hatfield's report showed that the Temple of Fraternity at the World's Fair, the construction of which was inaugurated by the Missouri congress, is 60 per cent completed and will be finished by March 1, 1904. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: W. R. Edison, president; F. H. Bacon, first vice-president; E. W. Biny, second vice-president; C. F. Hatfield, secretary-treasurer. With Past President given, these officers will constitute the executive committee.

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS

YOU HAVEN'T MUCH TIME TO SPARE. Just think, only 16 shopping days remain. The longer you wait the less convenience you will experience. Crowds will grow greater and assortments less every day. Don't bother making out a shopping list; come direct to headquarters. You'll see thousands of novelties you never knew were in existence. They will entirely eliminate the "problem what to buy." Furthermore, you are sure of getting the fullest measure of reliable merchandise for the money you spend here, and when one buys for gift purposes they should be more careful in getting something lasting and substantial than when they buy for their own use. The giver usually does not know how the article wears, and the recipient will make no complaint. Therefore it's advisable to come to a thoroughly reliable store.

Women's Mackintoshes

WOMEN'S Mackintoshes of brown twill serge, with full military cape, velvet collar, double texture, guaranteed waterproof; we have these in one color only, consequently offer them at greatly reduced price; lengths 54 to 62 inches; \$3.50 values—in basement..... **\$1.98**

GRAND LEADER

Fastest-Growing Store in America.

Silk Hosiery Special

WOMEN'S full regular made fast black silk Hosiery, in lace ankle, lace all-over and silk embroidered ankle, made with high spliced heels and double toes—regular \$2.50 and \$3 values. The styles are beautiful—on special sale Monday—day—per pair..... **\$1.25**

Pretty Clocks, 59c

Another shipment of the Schwartz-Welder Clocks have arrived; they are pretty carved, minute and hour hands are made of white bone, resembling ivory—good time-keepers..... **59c**

Toys and Dolls

We Have the Best Stock in St. Louis.

THAT'S what hundreds of people have told us, and it's a fact we are well aware of. We are showing the most magnificent line ever brought to this city, embracing hundreds of toys shown this season for the first time. It's a collection the grown folks will enjoy seeing, as they are decidedly clever. **Balky Mule—mechanical.....19c**
Wall Blackboard, strongly made.....25c
Christmas Tree Candles, any size, assorted colors—per box.....8c
Milk Wagon, large size, wood, painted, with cans and skin horse on platform.....98c
Magic Lanterns, complete with slides.....39c
Steam Engine, ready for work, strongly made—special.....98c
Mechanical Trains, 2 passenger cars, engine and tender, with circular track—Monday only.....75c

Swinging Horse—carved head and legs, strongly made, upholstered, saddle, glassy eyes, Monday only.....\$2.39

Cycloped Wagon—which pleases the boys, painted red.....\$2.75
Velocipede, strongly made, of steel, leather seat.....\$1.10
Tricycle, to please the little girl, upholstered seat—special.....\$2.40

Kid Body Doll, 23 in. tall, bisque head, natural hair, moving shoes and stockings.....\$1.00

Jointed Doll, 28 inches tall, large bisque head, natural hair wig, parted hair, moving shoes and stockings.....\$2.50

Kid Body Doll, jointed hips, bisque head, moving eyes, shoes and stockings.....25c
Punching Bag—made of rubber, easily inflated.....25c
Building Blocks—the boys' delight, nicely boxed—\$2.25 to 15c

Presents for Men

IN the Furnishing Goods Section, on main floor, you will find plenty of suggestions for gifts suitable for men. These articles all represent an intrinsic value and consequently will be appreciated.

Men's Silk Four-in-Hands, in all the newest patterns, each one in a pretty box, made from a good line of silks.....25c

Men's all-silk Neckwear—Four-in-Hands, Ascots, and Puff Ties, the very latest patterns and shapes; a number of the Four-in-Hands are made of the finest grade silk by the leading haberdashers at 75c and \$1.00 on sale here at.....50c

Men's Elastic Web Suspenders with leather ends, cast-off buttons, in a good assortment of patterns, each pair in a pretty box—29c

Men's handsome Silk Suspenders with fine ends, cast-off buttons, in a good assortment of patterns, each pair in a pretty box—75c values—Special Monday.....50c

Furs at a Saving

A few of the special values we offer from the stock of Ruhl & Co.

Russian Lynx Double Scarfs, with six long bushy tails—\$5.00.....\$2.98
Isabella or Sable Opposum Long Scarfs, large bushy tails and gilt chain fastener—\$7.50 values.....\$5.00
American Isabella Wolf Double Flat Scarfs, squirrel lined—\$12.50 values, at.....\$7.50
Best quality American Isabella or Sable Fox Double Scarfs with large bushy tails—\$20.00 values.....\$12.50
Muffs to match above.....\$7.50
Electric Seal Coats, 22 and 34 inch lined, with heavy quality guaranteed satin, new pouch sleeve—\$30.00 values for.....\$19.75

Silks and Velvets for Holiday Gifts

A Waist or Dress Pattern of these rich fabrics is a royal gift and will be greatly appreciated by the recipient. You will find that you will be able to obtain much greater values for your money by attending this special sale. The saving is clearly indicated.

New 24-inch Foulards, the advancing spring styles. Those who are contemplating a trip South this winter should make their selections from this splendid assortment. They come in twill and satin; the regular \$1.00 grade on special sale, per yard.....75c

Plain colored China Silks, 21 inches wide, all shades, including white; 35c per yard.....25c
Colored Satins, even shade, also cream, white and black; worth 50c a yard, at.....35c

Black All-Silk Moire and black hemstitched Taffetas, \$1.00 quality; per yard.....49c
Black Mourning Gros Grain and Armure Silks, worth 85c a yard, at.....59c
Creme de Chine, all shades, also cream, white and black; 75c quality, per yard.....65c

Black 6-inch Black Grenadine, with small designs, also with white brocade designs; worth \$3.50 a yard; at.....\$1.75
Black 6-inch Broadcloth or Crush Velvet, newest thing for coats and suits; 35c grade; Monday, per yard.....\$2.00

Fancy Goods, Cushion Tops

Beautiful hand-drawn worked Squares, 9-inch, special.....25c
Beautiful hand-drawn Mexican Work Squares, 16 inch; \$1.50 values, at.....\$1.00
Hand-made Battenberg Doilies, all lace and linen, 9 and 12 inch worth up to 40c, at.....25c
Tapstry Cushion Tops, all perfect, fine quality, large size, good patterns.....35c
Cushion Skins, fancy silk embroidered, some with cord, others fancy ruffled; \$1.50 values, at.....\$1.00

Fancy Linens, drawn-work, embroidery, Irish point, applique and other kinds, a few are slightly mused; a laundering will put them in first-class shape; values up to \$2.00, choice.....75c
Hand-drawn Cluny Lace Pieces, from \$27.50 down to.....25c
Hand-drawn Tenebris Wheel Work Pieces from \$50.00 down to.....25c
Fancy Novelty Pieces, from \$50.00 down to.....25c
Hand-Embroidered Pieces, from \$25.00 down to.....25c
Work Boxes, a varied assortment, all sizes, from \$4.50 down to.....25c
We offer very special values in Wood Boxes at \$1.75, \$1.48, 95c and.....49c

Burnt Leather Novelties—Memoir Album Books, Address Books, Cigar Holders, Shaving Pads, Whisk Holders, Plaques, Match Scratchers and hundreds of other novelties, \$1.50 down to.....25c
Celluloid and Decorated Boxes in a great variety; designs are beautiful.....49c
Collar and Cuff Boxes from \$4.50 down to.....75c
Glove and Handkerchief Sets from \$4.50 down to.....49c
Manicure Sets, Shaving Sets, Handkerchief Boxes, Work and Tie Boxes, Photo Boxes, from \$5.00 down to.....49c

(THIRD FLOOR.)

Robe Blankets, fancy woven designs, in navy, brown, red and gray, of cotton elderdown, suitable for making bath and lounging robes, worth \$1.25 each, at.....79c
Strictly all-wool White Bed Blankets, 10-4 size, worth \$4.00 a pair, at.....\$2.89
White Lambs Wool California Bed Blankets, steam shrunk, worth \$5.50 a pair, at.....\$4.98
11-4 size extra heavy all-wool Sanitary Gray and Scarlet Bed Blankets, made of very fine Ohio selected wools, worth \$7.99 a pair, at.....\$5.50

Special Linen Sale

Hemstitched Linen Huck Towels, 20x40 special, per dozen.....\$3.00
7-1/2 inch all-linen bleached Table Damask, worth \$1 a yard, at.....79c
Finest grades of all-linen Dinner Napkins, 21 inches square, worth \$1.30 a dozen, at.....\$2.98
Finest real linen hemstitched Table Sets, cloths 8-4, 10-4 and 12-4 napkins to match, worth up to \$10.00 set, at.....\$5.98

3 O'Clock Special

Monday at 3 o'clock we will place on sale 30 pieces of very quality bleached fancy printed Wrapper Flannellettes in navy, brown, red, green, etc.; 100 quality, per yard.....5c

Extra Specials for Early Shoppers

GUN METAL VELVETS—In gray and black and blue and white; the regular \$1.00 quality; on sale in Silk Department, from 8 to 10, per yard.....25c

WOMEN'S HOSIERY—Fine, imported, full regular made, fast black, fleecelined, split soles, high spliced heels and double toes; our regular 25c hosiery; on sale, from 8 to 10, on main floor, per pair.....19c

SKIRT PATTERNS—40-inch All-Wool Black, Etonia, 5-yard, made to order, worth fully \$2.50 a pattern; on sale from 8 to 10, on main floor, per pattern.....\$1.25

BEISPREDS—360 Large Size White Crochet Bedspreads, Martellies designs; on sale from 8 to 10, in basement at.....59c

WOMEN'S WAISTS—Of good quality Flannellette, both light and dark color, pretty stripes and patterns, tab stock collar, pearl buttons; 50c values; from 8 to 10, on second floor.....25c

WOMEN'S SLIPPERS—Women's Common Sense Felt House Slippers, warm and comfortable, all sizes; 75c values; on sale from 8 to 10 on main floor, per pair.....39c

BLEACHED SHEETS—100 dozen Genuine New York Mills Ready-Made Bleached Sheets, size 81x90 inches, worth 75c; from 8 to 10 in basement at.....59c

OUTING FLANNEL—Extra Good Quality Light Striped and Checked Outing Flannel, pink and blue, worth 85c a yard; from 8 to 10 in basement, per yard.....5c

WE have a splendid collection of fine leather goods, Bags and Purses, of the very finest leathers and silks ranging in price up to \$20.00.

Special offering in up-to-date Bags, several choice lines, carriage shop, Automobile and wrist straps, seal, walrus and Saffian leathers; some have card case, purse and vinaigrette, finished with gilt, silver, oxidized frames, metal chain handles, 5 and 6-inch size; lined with silk; all colors—\$1.50 to \$2.00 values, choice.....\$1.00

Silk Opera Bags in bright and fancy colors; also black and white, fancy metal frames, new shapes, \$3.98 values at.....\$2.48

Men's heavy Scotch Wool Golf Gloves, in all colors and sizes, worth 50c and 65c pair—at.....39c

Men's Fleece-lined Leatherkin gloves, with kid or Mocha palms, worth 75c a pair—at.....50c

Men's heavy Reindeer Gloves, in tan, brown and gray, warranted and fitted—2.00 values—per pair.....\$1.50

Adler's Silk-lined Kid and Mocha Gloves, in tan, brown, red and gray, all sizes, warranted and fitted—per pair.....\$1.00

Upholstery Specials

A WIDE assortment of Novelty Relief Hangings, the newest idea for halls, dens and Turkish rooms; two special assortments; 50c and 75c values; on sale at 25c and 45c.

Lace Bed Sets of ruffled bobbinet, with lace edge and insertion, worth \$1.98 a set, at.....\$1.98
Real Remembrance Lace Bed Sets, with lace edge, insertion and center designs, worth \$6.50 a set, at.....\$4.50
Lace Sets, worth \$2.00 a set, at.....\$2.00
Lace Sets, worth \$10.50 a set, at.....\$7.50
Rope Portieres, with heavy cords and tassels, in fancy drape designs, four special lots.....\$1.50
12-12 Rope Portieres.....\$1.50
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White Goods Specials

Fine grade all-wool white embroidered Flannels, hemstitched and scalloped edges, worth 75c a yard.....49c
All-wool white Flannel, 22 inch wide a yard, at.....50c
Finest grade white imported India Linens—per yard.....35c
Highly mercerized, fancy white Oxford Waistings, the newest designs, worth 85c a yard—at.....25c

Women's Silk Vests

at exactly half price
Women's low neck and sleeveless Silk Vests, silk-lined neck and arms; in white, cream, pink and light blue—1.90 values—Special Monday.....50c

He'll Like a Smoking Jacket.

THAT is, if he is not well supplied in that line. If you are in doubt about the size bring along one of his old coats and we will be able to tell from that just what size he will require.

We have a splendid stock of Smoking Jackets, including all the newest colorings with fancy check and plaid lapels and pockets, silk cord edges, sizes from 34 to 44. You will not find a better variety in the city, nor will you find such big values. Prices:

\$3.95, \$4.95, \$5.50, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50.

and upward.

Pretty Handkerchiefs for Xmas.

IS there anything more useful than Handkerchiefs? They are always in use, and if of the right appearance and quality make appreciable gifts. Come and look through our splendid stock and you will find by far the greatest variety in St. Louis of the prettiest handkerchiefs the world produces. There are real lace handkerchiefs that cost several dollars each, and there are very fine handkerchiefs of Swiss and linen exquisitely embroidered or trimmed with lace that sell for a very moderate price.

FREE—A pretty Handkerchief Box given free with every purchase of 75c or more in this department.

Main Floor Dept.
Women's fine Linen and Swiss Handkerchiefs, scalloped, embroidered and prettily trimmed with lace, new designs.....25c
Men's large size Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs with solid centers, beautiful colored borders, 50c.....25c
Children's plain white Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 6 in a novelty box representing a suit case, per box.....50c

Basement Section.
Men's pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 5c quality—special.....75c
Women's Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, hemstitched with hand-embroidered initials, 50c values at.....15c
Men's All-Linen Hemstitched with embroidered initials—special.....10c
Women's fine Swiss Handkerchiefs, scalloped, embroidered and hemstitched, large variety of pretty patterns.....12c
Wool and Cassimere Mufflers in plaids and checks, for men or boys, on special sale Monday, in basement.....25c

Framed Pictures and Picture Framing

THE selection of a pleasing Christmas Gift for those who admire the artistic is an easy matter in our Fine Art Department on the Third Floor. It would be impossible to give a description. It is only necessary to say that in this department will be found

The Largest and Best Selection of FINE WATER COLORS and OIL PAINTINGS, both Framed and Unframed.

STEEL ENGRAVINGS, ARTIST PROOF ETCHINGS, PHOTOGRAVURES, CARBON PHOTOS and Reproductions of the Most Famous Pictures, a great many framed in Special Designed Frames.

A great many of these are samples which were purchased at about 50c on the dollar, and we are offering them at one-half the regular price.

Early Shopping—This should be done especially in ordering frames for your Pictures. We have a variety of over 1000 Fancy Frames, and will be pleased to take your order and deliver when and as you direct.

(THIRD FLOOR.)

Special Offerings in

Dress Fabrics

SELECT a splendid dress pattern from our choice stock of fabrics.

White figured Mohair for shirt waists, also in all the plain colors and black, 40 inches wide, and 28 inch all-wool shirtings, in all colors and black and white, special weight—per yard.....49c

Etamine—46 inches wide, extra heavy weight, all colors, \$1.90 grade—per yard.....69c
Scotch Suiting—46 inches wide, in all the leading mixtures, 90 quality—per yard.....85c
French Velvets—46 inches wide, in all the leading shades of green, blue, brown, gray, camel, light blue, etc., \$1.25 quality, per yard.....89c

Etonienne—46 inches wide, silk-warp, the lightest, light-weight material made, for all kinds of dress occasions, all shades, per yard.....98c
Broadcloth—46 inches wide, extra heavy weight, all colors, guaranteed for wear, sponged and shrunk free of charge.....98c

Bath-dish Broadcloth, 18 inches wide, extra wide—all colors and black, a 25 grade, per yard.....\$1.25
Zibeline—finest imported fabric, latest novelties, light and dark dress goods that result in a variety of shades, up to \$4 a yard, on sale at.....\$1.50

Here are Useful Xmas Gifts

MEAT CHOPPER—The best there is; chops all kinds of meats and vegetables.....75c

CLOTHES WRINGER—2 1/2 x 6 x 6 1/2; iron, rubber rollers, 8 years.....\$1.50

WASH BOILERS—No. 1, copper boiler, 10 gal.....\$1.50

WASH BOILERS—No. 2, all copper, 12 gal.....\$1.50

China; Bric-a-Brac

WE suggest a number of useful holiday gifts. You'll find a world of others on our Fourth Floor.

Cigar Jar—Crystal glass, quadruple-plated, top.....98c
Gold Plated Clock, guaranteed movement.....\$1.98
Vase (like cut), decorated china center, gold-plated mountings, 18 inches tall.....\$1.00

Shaving Set—Quadruple silver-plated mug and brush, in silk-lined box.....\$2.25
Fruit Bowl—Rubber glass bowl—gold decorated, quadruple silver-plated stand.....\$2.98

Bisque Candelabra—3 arms, complete with fancy colored candles.....50c
Lamps—Decorated Parlor Lamp, new low shape, with 10-inch globe, round wick burner.....\$2.98
Cups and Saucers—Austrian china, prettily decorated, worth \$2.50 a dozen.....10c

Selad Bowl—German china, nicely decorated—special.....25c
Sugar and Cream Set, Austrian china, nicely decorated.....25c

Hall Lamp, wrought-iron finish, ruby globe, all complete.....\$1.00
Vase Lamp, 18-inch tall, pretty decoration—3-inch globe to match.....98c
Child's Bed—Rogers—in silk-lined box—per set.....75c
After-Dinner Cup and Saucer, pretty decorated china.....5c
Fruit Saucers, German china, nicely decorated—each.....5c

In Lace Section

THOUSANDS upon thousands of articles are to be found in this department suitable for gift purposes. You can spend as little as you desire, or as much. Our line meets every requirement and every purpose.

Fine Sample Robes at Half

Consisting of Chiffons, Nets, Lace, embroidered Gowns, Spangies, etc., the season's latest designs, on sale as follows:

\$20.00 Sample Robes \$10.00
\$30.00 Sample Robes \$15.00
\$40.00 Sample Robes \$19.98
\$50.00 Sample Robes \$25.00

WE have a large and splendid collection of hand-made Lace Robes, all exclusive designs; prices run up to several hundred dollars. They are marvels of beauty and good values at the price.

Lace remnants for fancy work on special sale in basement at a third the regular prices.

About 30 pieces of fine mesh Velling, in black, white and colors—worth 20c a yard, at.....10c

Lace Collars in all the newest shapes, in white, cream and Arabian—worth 15c in basement.....98c

Monday, at.....98c

Buy Things For The Home

ROCKERS—Large size; leather seat; embossed back and turned splat; highly polished—Sale Price.....\$2.98
Others at \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.75, \$3.75, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00, \$10.50, \$11.00, \$11.50, \$12.00, \$12.50, \$13.00, \$13.50, \$14.00, \$14.50, \$15.00, \$15.50, \$16.00, \$16.50, \$17.00, \$17.50, \$18.00, \$18.50, \$19.00, \$19.50, \$20.00, \$20.50, \$21.00, \$21.50, \$22.00, \$22.50, \$23.00, \$23.50, \$24.00, \$24.50, \$25.00, \$25.50, \$26.00, \$26.50, \$27.00, \$27.50, \$28.00, \$28.50, \$29.00, \$29.50, \$30.00, \$30.50, \$31.00, \$31.50, \$32.00, \$32.50, \$33.00, \$33.50, \$34.00, \$34.50, \$35.00, \$35.50, \$36.00, \$36.50, \$37.00, \$37.50, \$38.00, \$38.50, \$39.00, \$39.50, \$40.00, \$40.50, \$41.00, \$41.50, \$42.00, \$42.50, \$43.00, \$43.50, \$44.00, \$44.50, \$45.00, \$45.50, \$46.00, \$46.50, \$47.00, \$47.50, \$48.00, \$48.50, \$49.00, \$49.50, \$50.00, \$50.50, \$51.00, \$51.50, \$52.00, \$52.50, \$53.00, \$53.50, \$54.00, \$54.50, \$55.00, \$55.50, \$56.00, \$56.50, \$57.00, \$57.50, \$58.00, \$58.50, \$59.00, \$59.50, \$60.00, \$60.50, \$61.00, \$61.50, \$62.00, \$62.50, \$63.00, \$63.50, \$64.00, \$64.50, \$65.00, \$65.50, \$66.00, \$66.50, \$67.00, \$67.50, \$68.00, \$68.50, \$69.00, \$69.50, \$70.0

lans wants all the good little boys and girls to come and
is headquarters in "Toyland" (Basement of Famous).

Christmas shopping is easily accomplished at Famous. We have plenty of cour-
teous and efficient salespeople in attendance who will be pleased to assist you in
making your selections.

Prompt and careful deliveries are assured. Extra wagons—extra
drivers—extra bundle boys on hand to rush your purchases out to you.



BEST BE SUPPLIED AT "FAMOUS"

's greatest markets—ceaselessly and untiringly planning and
ake the Holiday Displays of 1903 eclipse and overshadow any-
brings its crowning reward to us and to our patrons.
s donned its Holiday attire and is in thorough readiness to satisfy
e in every section of Famous. The Christmas stocks are now
at modern ingenuity has devised as desirable for gift-giving.
oes to gladden the hearts of the little ones—"Dollville" can well
stantly mindful that our patrons must have better values and more
ewhere. That we have well succeeded will be readily recognized

your Christmas shopping early. It not only gives you the ad-
vantage of selecting from choicer and better assortments, but also
idence later on.

AS SHOPPING No matter what you wish—whether it be great or
small—Famous can supply it, at the least cost of all.



On Payment of One-Fourth
Of the amount of your purchase, we'll lay aside any goods
selected now and deliver them promptly Christmas Time
—when and where you instruct.

LEATHER GOODS.

We now have ready for
your choosing a grand
stock of Fitted Wrist
Bags, Automobile Bags
and Carriage Bags—made
of all sorts of real leath-
ers in black and colors—
with one, two and three
handles—elegantly lined
—metal handles—prices
range from \$5.00 down to



35c

FITTED WRIST BAGS—
Similar to cut-of Walrus pressed leather—nickel
chain—black and brown—3 pieces inside—
worth \$1.00—Monday special at..... **48c**

MUSIC ROLLS—
Elegant assortment in black, brown, red and tan
leathers—full size with handle—both roll
and satchel shape—superior qualities at
25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, 90c and..... **1.48**

LADIES' COMBINATION POCKETBOOKS—
In all kinds of leathers—inside frames finely finished
—newest shapes and designs—with and
without sterling silver or trimmings—great
values at 25c, 35c, 45c, 60c and up to, each..... **5.00**
Card Cases, Bill Books, Cigar Cases, Wallets, Purses and
Coin Bags in endless variety at lowest prices.

Appropriate Gifts for Men.

If you're wrestling with that perplexing problem, "What Shall I Get Him for Christmas?"
consult us, and we can quickly relieve you of further worry over this question. We're Men's
Outfitters—we knew just what pleases their fancies most—we have made a careful study of
their wants and know precisely "what's what." Men most appreciate gifts that can be put to
practical use. Wearing apparel best fills the bill. If it comes from Famous you have the
opportunity of choosing from the largest and best assortments in St. Louis, where prices
are the fairest in every instance.

Smoking Jackets and House Coats

A most lavish gathering of all the newly-created ideas—
in every desirable fabric and color—all the correct trim-
ming arrangements—the new cuffs and roll collars—every
man should own one.

The \$25.00 kind elsewhere..... Famous Price, \$18.00
The \$18.00 kind elsewhere..... Famous Price, \$13.50
The \$15.00 kind elsewhere..... Famous Price, \$11.50
The \$12.50 kind elsewhere..... Famous Price, \$9.50
The \$9.00 kind elsewhere..... Famous Price, \$6.50
The \$8.00 kind elsewhere..... Famous Price, \$5.00
The \$6.00 kind elsewhere..... Famous Price, \$4.00

Men's Finest Furnishings.

Specially suitable for Holiday purposes—elaborate dis-
plays of the newest concepts in Neckwear, Mufflers, Um-
brellas, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Shirts, Suspenders, Sweat-
ers, Cardigan Jackets, Bath Robes, Slumbering Robes, Hos-
iery etc.—all dependable qualities—at prices that make
them values of unequalled merit.

Men's Kid Gloves..... \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00
Men's Fur Gloves and Gauntlets..... \$2.50 to \$15.00
Men's Sweaters and Cardigan Jackets..... \$1.00 to \$5.00
Men's Handkerchiefs, each..... 10c to \$1.00
Men's Neckwear, in all the prevailing styles
and patterns..... 25c to \$3.50
Men's Mufflers..... 25c to \$5.00
Men's Fancy Shirts..... 35c to \$2.50
Men's Umbrellas..... \$1.50 to \$15.00
Men's Suspenders..... 25c to \$5.00
Men's Turkish and Eiderdown Bath Robes..... \$2.00 to \$15.00



Men's House Slippers.

What would Christmas be without them—their always
acceptable gifts to the male members of the family—we
truly believe our assortments are the most varied in the
city and afford better selections and stronger values than
can be had elsewhere.

MEN'S FAUST SLIPPERS—Turned soles
chocolate and black—all sizes—\$2.50,
\$2, \$1.50 and..... **1.00**

MEN'S FINEST SLIPPERS—Hand turned—vici kid
and seal goat—opera, Everett or
Columbia style—Famous price
\$1.25 to..... **2.00**

Patent Leather Dancing Dumps and Oxfords, Turned Soles, Newest Full Toe Shape.

Men's sizes, 6 to 11..... Famous Price, \$1.50
Boys' sizes, 2 1/2 to 5 1/2..... Famous Price, \$1.50
Youths' sizes, 12 to 3..... Famous Price, \$1.35

AND SUIT SECTION

mas one she'll remember for years. A pretty Coat, Suit, Waist, Silk Shawl,
ake quite an acceptable gift.
of saving chances here un-
Louis. Monday's specials

\$27 and \$29 Elegant Suits, \$19.50
A collection of the highest grade suits from the very
best makers—embodying all the new and correct
fashion ideas—all beautifully tailored in the Zibe-
line cloths, rich mixtures and
broadsilks—coats silk lined—
skirts perfectly draped—splen-
did \$27.50 and \$29.00 values—
Monday special at..... **19.50**

\$22.50 Swell Tailored Suits, \$13.50
A gathering of man-tailored suits from our recent
purchase of the "Princess Brand"—all the new
blouse and long coat effects as well as English
pleated coat styles—all guaranteed satin lined—the
materials are the heavier weights—the coat may
be worn as a separate jacket—
fine Zibelines, Scotch Mixtures and
Cheviots—regular \$22.50 Suits—
Monday special at..... **13.50**

\$16.50 Man Tailored Suits, \$9.95
Really the best lot of suits ever offered in St. Louis
at the price—the separate coat of these would cost
you more regularly—made in all the new styles—
everyone perfectly tailored and fault-
less as to fit and finish—of Venetians,
Cheviots and Mixtures—all dark shades—
splendid \$16.50 values—Monday special
at..... **9.95**

Tailored Suits at \$4.95
Odds and ends to close—worth double and three
times Monday's selling price. An accumulated
lot of good tailored suits—remnants
of broken lots of the season's best
sellers—all perfect, but one of a
style. In order to close the lot out
quickly—Monday, choice at..... **4.95**

\$8.00 Silk Petticoats at \$5.00
Made of the very best grade of Taffeta Silk—the
kind that rustles and wears well—cut full through-
out with deep accordion-pleated and ruffled floun-
ces—deep silk underfounce—some have
long trains and can be used as drop
skirts—in black, blues, greens, browns
and royal—skirts truly worth \$8.00—
Monday only, special at..... **5.00**

\$1.00 Kid Gloves
OUR "FLORETTE" KID GLOVES
are finished with two pearl clasps
—embroidered back, scalloped
wrist—all sizes—13 different colors
—superb values..... **75c**

\$1.00 Kid Gloves
OUR "PERFECTION" KID GLOVE
of splendid French kid, every pair
guaranteed and fitted to the hand
—all shades, colors and sizes—the
best \$1.00 glove on earth—strong,
durable and dressy.
Famous price..... **1.00**

**AT \$1.25 WE SHOW OUR OWN IM-
ported "La Claron" Real French
Kid, also Perlin's real Kid Gloves
in all colors, sizes and finishes—
beautiful gloves, usually sold at
\$1.75 and \$2.50 a pair—
Our special price..... **1.50****

very pair of gloves at \$1.50 or over.

Blankets.

11-4 size—light or dark gray
and white—single or tri-
colored borders—high-
grade wool filled—big \$5.00
values—150 pairs—while
they last
Monday
they're yours
at, pair..... **3.75**

3.75 for \$5.00

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Chinaware, Vases and Bric-a-Brac

We propose to start the Holiday selling off with a rush tomorrow, and have named
special prices for Monday that will certainly justify your buying now. Our stocks were
never so rich as this year, and the values were never bettered.



A Sale of Vases
Much Out of the Ordinary.
100 doz. Vases—Austrian, English, German
and Japanese makes—bought at a great sav-
ing from an overstocked New York jobber.
The assortment is too varied to attempt de-
scriptions. We have grouped them in six
large lots for Monday's rapid selling.

100-PIECE DINER SETS—
Fine English porcelain—under-
glass—blue or green border—
\$2, \$1.50 and..... **87c**

100-PIECE DINER SETS—
This English porcelain—great
floral decorations—full gold
trimmed—\$12 value
—Monday..... **10.95**

**100-PIECE FINEST CHINA
DINER SETS—**—Natural Gas-
si decoration—gold gild
finished handles—worth
\$22.50—Monday..... **14.95**

GERMAN CHINA TEA SETS—
New, very choice—this and
traded silver—50 pieces
—worth \$7.50—Monday..... **4.95**

**100-PIECE FINEST CHINA
DINER SETS—**—Natural Gas-
si decoration—gold gild
finished handles—worth
\$22.50—Monday..... **14.95**

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\$22.50—Monday..... **14.95**

DAMAGE SUIT STIRS BOSTON SOCIETY

One of the Leaders Charged With
Stealing Away a Man's
Affections

MAN IS ALSO AN EX-CONVICT

The Case Involves the Brabrook and
Masons, Who Are Among the
Oldest Families of the Hub

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
TAUNTON, Mass., Dec. 8.—Mrs. Mary
Clark, a widow, has brought suit against
Mrs. Carlton Brabrook, a rich and fashion-
able married woman, charging that Mrs.
Brabrook "interfered with and prevented
the fulfillment of a contract of marriage"
made last June between Mrs. Clark and
Charles N. Bostwick, who, it develops, is
a former convict.

In a word Mrs. Clark declares that after
Bostwick swore to marry her, he fell in
love with Mrs. Brabrook and she with him.
Bostwick, whose photograph is in the
Boston "rogues' gallery," vows that Mrs.
Clark's jealousy has no possible justifica-
tion. The suit which demands \$5,000 dam-
age, is unique in United States law. No
woman ever sued on such grounds. And
it is infinitely more remarkable because of
the persons involved, the allegations made
in it and the circumstances that enter it.
The suit has profoundly stirred the
highest fashionable circles of this city
because it intimately concerns two fami-
lies, the Masons and the Brabrooks, who
are dictators of social ethics here and
leaders of industry.

Mrs. Brabrook Is
a Handsome Blonde

Mrs. Carlton Brabrook is a remarkably
beautiful blonde, 36 years old. She is
easily the leading young matron in so-
ciety. Her husband is a son of Gen.
Brabrook, treasurer of the Reed & Barton
Silver Manufacturing Co., a very wealthy
all over the country. The Brabrooks are
among the richest people in the city.
Broken hearted, as she says she is by
the loss of Bostwick's affections, Mrs.
Clark, the plaintiff, has been a very
self-reliant woman. She is a brunette,
about 35 years old. She has lived in
Chicago and several other western cities
and in New York. She managed a cigar
store in Boston up to a year ago and half
ago, when she blossomed into the business
of selling Boston terriers and chickens.

Charles N. Bostwick, not only long
possessed Mrs. Clark's affections, but
he is intimately associated with her in
business and otherwise. He is 35 years
old, a dealer in jewelry. He has a
saleroom near Bowdoin square in Bos-
ton, but he is not too proud to peddle
diamonds. He established a real estate
office here, and by his dexterity and ad-
dress succeeded in insinuating himself
into the select set. Many families,
most scrupulous as to their visitors, re-
ceived him. Indeed, about the only per-
son in the set who had not the pleasure
of Mr. Bostwick's acquaintance was
Carlton Brabrook. Mr. Bostwick says
he never met Mrs. Brabrook and Mr.
Brabrook does not contradict him.

Bostwick says also that he knows
Maurice Mason, Mr. Brabrook's brother,
and that he knows Mrs. Brabrook's
brother, so well that he borrowed
\$100 from him. Mr. Mason positively
denies this. Bostwick, who has visited
the best people of Taunton, is known
to close associates and his customers
as "Diamond Charlie," and his photo-
graph ornaments the rogues' gallery at
police headquarters, Boston.

He Raised Dogs,
Chickens and Trouble

He was Mrs. May Clark's partner in the
cigar business there and went with her
to Rayham Center to raise dogs, chickens
and much trouble.

"Diamond Charlie" was in a fair way to
have a business success. He was con-
templating the exploitation of
building lots and was selling terriers and
chickens. When Mrs. Clark found in his
pocket a bundle of letters, which she says
"apart from him" "Maudie" undying love and
admiration, and much more.

This was the last straw. Mrs. Clark
says now that had "Diamond Charlie" con-
fined his attention to his dog and kept his
promise to marry her they would have
made \$10,000 a year out of the Rayham
Center venture. As it is she has lost \$700
and a valuable collection of diamonds,
which she says emphatically, have gone to
supply Bostwick with money to spend with
his fashionable acquaintances. But she
would readily have endured all this had
she retained Charlie's love, had not she
found the frank, passionate letters signed
"Maudie."

Bostwick says almost sulkily, that
reason. He does not deny that he knows
Mrs. Brabrook, and admits, reluctantly,
that Mrs. Clark may have found the note
or two from Mrs. Brabrook to him.

Aside from Maurice Mason's denial that
he lent \$100 to "Diamond Charlie," none
of the Masons nor Brabrooks will discuss
the suit. Carlton Brabrook explains the
suit not know, nor care, what investigation con-
ducted by the defense has developed. He
considers the suit improper, and has
not even discussed it with his wife, nor
has it changed in the least degree his af-
fectionate relations with her.

SOCIETY BEST IN MANHOOD.
Instructive Figures Compiled From
Policies by a British Actuary.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
LONDON, Dec. 8.—Roderick Moore, the
actuary of the United Kingdom Temperance
Provident Association, has arrived at some
novel conclusions from a careful actual
study of 20,000 policies in that association
as to the effect of teetotalism at different
periods of life.

For ages below 30 years the mortality of
teetotalers is considerably above the or-
dinary mortality standard, and for ages
from 30 to 35 it also is distinctly higher
than the ordinary standard. But from 35
to 75 the results are much in favor of ab-
stinence. This advantage is increased up
to ages between 40 and 45, when it is at
the maximum, being 30 per cent of the or-
dinary mortality rate. After 45 the ad-
vantage is very slowly approximated to the
standard, being 17 1/2 per cent at ages from
55 to 60, 10 per cent at ages from 70 to 75.
For a group from 75 to 85 the abstinence
rate was in excess of the ordinary mor-
tality, but for the remainder of life it was
distinctly below.

In general terms the feature of abstinence
mortality is a great saving after early man-
hood and throughout all the working years
of life, which makes a decrease up to midlife
age, and gradually rises to the normal rate
of healthy life as old age is reached at 80
or 90.

WIFE PAYS SHORTAGE.
Husband Disappeared, but She Has
Settled All Indebtedness

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 8.—Horace Kelly,
formerly secretary of the school district,
was for many years one of the best
men in the city. He was a devoted
husband and father, and a successful
business man. About two years ago it was
found that he had disappeared, and his
family was in great distress. He was
small, dark, and had a high forehead.
He was working in the city and had
been in the habit of coming home
every day. The last act was the sale of the
household goods, and the proceeds were
used to pay the debts. The wife had
settled all the debts, and the house
was sold.

LANGLEY TO TRY FLYING AGAIN

This Time, Inventor Will Permit the Public to Witness His Aerodrome Experiment

POST-DISPATCH BUREAU.
1345 Pennsylvania Avenue.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Prof. Langley has repaired his aerodrome, which was badly wrecked in the unsuccessful launching at Wide Water, Va., three weeks ago. He will make another attempt to fly it on the first favorable day. The launching would have taken place today, but for a high wind.

The aerodrome will be launched off Annapolis Point, on the Potomac, in full view of all who care to witness the experiment. Prof. Langley has abandoned his efforts at secrecy.

Both Prof. Langley and Mr. Manly, who is in charge of the experiment, are confident of success. The aerodrome, which was built for its weight, and the motor which drives the propellers have been greatly improved, they say. The motor now develops more than 40-horse power.

Manly is chiefly interested in the motor, which is his invention, and is said to be the most powerful that can be built for its weight. When the experiment was abandoned this afternoon, Mr. Manly announced that it would take place as soon as the weather would permit.

WOOD SET BACK TO BRIGADIER BY SESSION MERGER

Failure of Senate to Act, and Running of Extra Into Regular Meeting, Invalidates All of President's Nomination, Not Approved

MANY CIVIL AND MILITARY OFFICES ARE THUS AFFECTED

Crum, the Negro Selected for Collector of Customs at Charleston, Fails of Confirmation and That Plum Has No Eater Now

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—By the manner of adjourning the House today the extra session of the Fifty-eighth Congress will expire by constitutional limitation Monday, when the regular session will begin.

This eliminates the possibility of a recess between the two sessions and opportunity for the President to make his civil and military recess appointments. Such appointments as have not been confirmed by the Senate during the extra session must be received simply in the form of nominations, which, in effect, are but recommendations and do not become effective in any case until confirmed by the Senate.

In effect, this action will remove Gen. Leonard Wood from his present rank of major-general, to which the Senate has not confirmed him, to the rank of brigadier-general, which he held prior to Aug. 8 last. It also will demote, in like manner, 167 army officers, who were promoted respectively to fill the vacancies caused by the promotion of Gen. Wood.

The important civil appointments affected include William D. Crum, negro, as collector of customs at Charleston, S. C.; Charles P. McClelland as a member of the board of general appraisers of merchandise at New York, and T. V. McAllister of Vicksburg, Miss., as receiver of public moneys, all of whom are serving under recess appointments, the effect being to vacate their present positions.

Crum's Place Vacant Until Senate Adjourns

As Collector Crum's recess appointment has thus been terminated, and the situation in the Senate has been such that his confirmation is despaired of, the collectorship of the port of Charleston will remain vacant until the expiration of the next session of Congress, unless the President selects some one else for this place and the nomination is confirmed by the Senate.

While no official representation has been made by the Senate to the House, several informal conferences have been held between the leading Republican senators and Speaker Cannon. In these conferences, the speaker has stated that the House had no constitutional authority over executive appointments or confirmations, and that, if the creation of a recess was necessary to take care of such matters, the Senate should have taken official action looking to adjournment of the special session by concurrent resolution.

War Department Thinks President Has Power

At the war department the officials are not quite so clear in their minds as to the exact status of the military officers whose nominations have failed of confirmation. There is a disposition to take the point of view that between the expiration of the present session and the beginning of the regular session, there will necessarily be an appreciable but practically indefinite small period of time where there is no session, and consequently Congress is technically in recess, and it would be within the power of the President at any time after Monday noon to make recess appointments to continue during the next session, until otherwise disposed of.

The officials are not united as yet in their view upon this point, but the new nominations which are now being made out at the war department to replace those which the vacancy occurred, it seems possible that the complex questions involved may require the decision of the attorney-general.

WOMEN ENFORCE DEMAND

Suburban Mistresses of the Washtub Insist Upon Shorter Hours and Greater Remuneration

Washerwomen of Kirkwood, Webster Groves and the intervening country have organized a union and redoubled the price of their services by degrees from \$1 to \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75 a day. They have shortened the working day from ten to nine hours, demanding extra pay for overtime and also that they must work in the basement without assistance.

W. J. Parker of Kirkwood and R. M. Curtis of Glendale have evidence of the union's power, which goes to the extent of excluding city washerwomen from the suburban field. A walking delegate, formerly making the union effective. Formerly working hours were from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. Now they are from 9 to 4. All members of the union are colored.

HARDLUCK STORY SAVES HIM

Saloonkeeper, About to Be Robbed, Brings Tears to the Eyes of Belligerent Intruders

Ozma White, a saloonkeeper at 102 South Fourteenth street, has told the police that his ability as a hardluck story teller saved his saloon from robbery and himself from imprisonment in an ice box. He wants the three men who listened to him until tears came into their eyes arrested.

White describes the trio as young and well-dressed, and says they bought several drinks in his saloon Friday night, he discussing saloon robberies with them the while. He gave them a minute description of his preparation for handling robbers.

When they suddenly covered him with two revolvers he says he changed the story to one of hard luck until they pocketed their pistols and went away, saying he seemed to be a good fellow, and they would let him off. The police believe the story.

New Service to Cape Girardeau
And Southeast Missouri points. Leave St. Louis 5:30 a. m., arrive Cape Girardeau 3:30 p. m. Leave Cape Girardeau 9:00 a. m., arrive St. Louis 5:30 p. m. Leave St. Louis 5:30 p. m., arrive Cape Girardeau 3:30 p. m.

LACK OF SENSE OF SMELL RESULTED IN WOMAN'S ASPHYXIAATION BY GAS

Miss Thornton, Kentucky Artist, Who Owed Defect to an Attack of Typhoid Fever, Was Overcome While Preparing for Her Bath.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—When Virginia L. Thornton of Lexington, Ky., was 12 years old she had typhoid fever, which left her devoid of the sense of smell. The last 18 years she had been unable to detect any odor and that failing today resulted in the loss of her life in her studio at 22 East Sixteenth street.

She had gone into her bathroom, and there, while disrobing for the bath, she was unconsciously overcome by gas, which was escaping from an unlighted jet. Had she been able to smell the gas, doubtless she would have saved her life.

The beautiful young woman was found dead on the floor of the bathroom before daylight.

Her apartments were well furnished and the walls were hung with many beautiful specimens of her skill with the brush and pen. She had friends in the building and kept much to herself and appeared to be absorbed in her work.

The young woman's body was sent to the

Bellevue morgue by the police before a coroner was notified and this fact angered several of her friends who called at the studio today.

H. L. Waldman, a member of the Balmaceda Club and a close friend of Miss Thornton for a long time, was particularly angry that the body should be sent to the morgue.

"Miss Thornton came of an excellent Kentucky family," he said. "Her brother, Robert, is a leading attorney of Lexington. He has been notified and I presume he will come on at once."

"When Miss Thornton left her home, she went to Frederickburg and from there, I think she went to Chicago, where she painted pictures for several years. She had been here several years, but her success as an artist had been indifferent. She sold more miniatures than anything else. At times she did typewriting to help along."

\$15 to Texas Dec. 8.

Round trip, stopover, via Cotton Belt Route. 926 Olive and Union Station.

STEERAGE RUSH TO EUROPE IS HEAVY

Some Have Made Their "Fortunes," While Others Are Disappointed in American Eldorado

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—More than 200,000 steerage passengers have sailed for Europe this year, most of them going in recent months. Cold weather and shutting down of work were the chief reasons assigned. Many thousands of them will return in the spring.

Mulberry Bend was sleepless last night, for early today was scheduled the departure for Italy of 1500 of its inhabitants who had either earned or saved enough in this country to live in comparative luxury for the remainder of their lives in their native land.

From every tenement along the streets of the Italian settlement came streams of men and women, bearing with them such of their belongings as were dearest to them. At almost every step the streams were checked that farewells might be spoken. There were tears and embraces, but the predominant note was one of gladness. The people were "going home." It

was not a movement of the rich. The "pick and shovel" men were in the majority. There were not 10 men in the crowd who had made more than \$2 a day while in America. But there was not a single pauper in the lot.

Five thousand Italians have left New York for the land of their birth within the past week," said a steamship agent. "The outward movement is by far the largest I have known in my 25 years in the business here."

Fully 80 per cent of the people who departed today have been in America less than three years. A very small per cent was able to speak English. One man of every two carried on his shoulders the pick or the shovel with which he had earned his livelihood here.

A majority who were going back had come to this country with the sole idea of making money. They never had the slightest intention of remaining here. They had never even taken out their first papers.

The increased activity of the Mafia in New York was said to be another cause for the helga.

LINE'S SLAYER RELEASED.

Habeas Corpus Proceedings in Belleville Court Successful

Herman Bartel of East St. Louis, charged with killing James Linet, was released from the St. Clair County jail late yesterday afternoon on a writ of habeas corpus.

Application for a writ of habeas corpus was granted by Barthel's attorneys, who stated that he shot Linet in self defense. The writ was granted and the court fixed bond at \$200 with Pierce Kildes, A. G. Ginnette and John Schleck of East St. Louis as sureties.

CHICAGO CAR MEN MAY STRIKE AGAIN

Employees Declare Order Forbidding Wearing of Emblems on Uniforms Is Blow at Union

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—City railway carmen are talking of a second strike.

The last straw, in a new set of rules formulated by the company. One reads:

"No badge, button or insignia shall be worn on the outside of uniforms by trainmen on duty, except the uniform badge and buttons provided by the company."

This is held to be an attempt to destroy the union button by the company.

The company has refused to reinstate 30 men, and say they ought to be in the penitentiary instead.

LOS ANGELES TOURIST SLEEPER

Via Wabash Line.

The tourist sleeping car havelore leaving St. Louis for San Francisco every Tuesday, will hereafter leave St. Louis on Wednesday and will run to Los Angeles instead of San Francisco.

RED

Red is the color of danger, whether on the semaphore or on the skin. When the face is reddened by eruptions, when boils break out on the body, or the angry red of sores and ulcers is displayed in the flesh, it is nature's danger signal. The blood is obstructed and tainted by impurities, and there can be no safety until the blood is made pure.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery purifies the blood, and removes the effete matter which clogs and corrupts it. It cures pimples, boils, eczema, scrofula, sores, ulcers and other consequences of impure blood.

"I feel greatly thankful for what your medicine has done for me," writes Mrs. Chas. Hood, of Kalamazoo, Mich. "I suffered with scrofula of the head for twelve years. Tried every kind of medicine that I heard of, but found no cure. Every one that looked at my head said they never saw anything like it. The last doctor I doctored with before applying to you got worse every day. Was so miserable that I was unable to do any work at all. After taking two or three bottles of your Golden Medical Discovery, and using the local treatment you prescribed for me, I was cured and my head was entirely free from scrofula."

Accept no substitute for Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. There is no other medicine which is "just as good" for diseases of the blood and the eruptions which are caused by the blood's impurity.

FREE. Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser is sent free on receipt of stamps to pay expense of mailing only. Send twenty-one one-cent stamps for the book in paper covers, or thirty-one stamps for the cloth-bound volume. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Ten Days' Free Treatment Offered Men

Great Parisian Method That Cures Seminal Weakness, Varicocele, Stricture, Gleet, Gonorrhoea, Unnatural Discharges, Irritation and Enlargement of the Prostate Gland, Bladder and Urinary Disorders. Without Taking Medicine into the Stomach and in Their Own Home. It Will be Sent to Every Man Absolutely Free.

By a wonderful method successfully used for years in France and now for the first time introduced in America, it is possible for any man, no matter how bad off, to instantly regain the vigor of young manhood without taking any medicine.

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PLEASANT, SOOTHING AND HEALING.

Into the stomach, and to prove that it will do this they offer a full Ten Days' Trial Treatment absolutely free to every man sending name and address to Dr. Stevens & Co., Box 1457, Columbus, Ohio. The American Importers, and giving the necessary mail and energy. The world of science and medicine thoroughly believe in it.

It cures in wonderfully quick time, in your own home, test vitality, emaciation, nervousness, varicocele, stricture, unnatural irritation and enlargement of the prostate gland, and all bladder and urinary disorders of men. It is the only method known to science that will electrify the body, root out disease, create firmness and force, and all this without medicine taken into the stomach. If others tell you nothing can be done for you, this will surely cure you.

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Send the most complete book ever written on the Diseases of Men, telling all, and fully illustrated, with 40 engravings from life. Everything confidential and sent perfectly plain, and state merely ask you to include what they have just told you. We trust every gentleman who reads of this paper will write them at once, and thus get the Ten Days' Trial Treatment and book, both absolutely free.

**DON'T WORRY
YOUR CREDIT IS GOOD
AT
The People's**

1121-1123 1125 OLIVE STREET

SEAMLESS ENAMEL WATER PAILS, 35c

1000 Dresden Triple-Coated Blue and White Marbleized Seamless Flaring Water Pails (exactly like cut) holds quart; regularly sold for \$1.25; call early, as we never expect to have these Pails again—tomorrow at The People's, as long as they last.

MONDAY SPECIAL.

Combination Kitchen Cabinet and Table exactly like cut) has large four bin view upon this point, but the new nominations which are now being made out at the war department to replace those which the vacancy occurred, it seems possible that the complex questions involved may require the decision of the attorney-general.

\$2.75

Woven Wire Cots (like cut); fold at each end; made of hard maple frames; best 6 ft. long and worth \$1.75 this week we'll sell them for only..... **89c**

Heating Stoves in endless variety; full line of Wilson Heaters, Moore's Air-Tight, Charter Oak and Radiant Home Stoves; coal, oil, gas, hot blast..... **\$3.98**

SPECIAL NOTICE.

For the convenience of our patrons and the accommodation of the buying public, our store will be open every Saturday night until 9 o'clock. All Christmas goods selected now will be stored free of charge and delivered when wanted.

We call your particular attention to the above illustration. It represents a Bedroom completely furnished in the best of taste, correct style and at a moderate price. If you intend furnishing up, call and get our figures. We can furnish every item shown above in good, reliable merchandise for only..... **\$65.00**

Terms \$5 Cash, Balance \$1 a Week.

REMOVAL SALE A BIG SUCCESS!!

Our Store Crowded All Week. The Bargains We Offer Are Sure Enough Money-Savers.

PHOTO SUPPLIES.

Premio Vee, size 4x5, regular price \$5.00— **\$2.19**
Removal Sale Price
Hyatt's Box Camera, size 4x5, regular price \$2.00— **\$2.63**
Removal Sale Price
Our M. B. Box Camera, size 4x5, regular price \$1.98— **\$1.98**
Removal Sale Price
The Premio Box Camera, size 4x5, regular price \$5.00— **\$1.74**
Removal Sale Price
A few second-hand Box Cameras worth from \$5.00 to \$10.00—Removal Sale Price..... **\$1.49**
Folding Tripods—Removal Sale Price..... **50c**
Flash Lamps, guaranteed perfect—Removal Sale Price..... **15c**
Hypo, per pound—Removal Sale Price..... **4c**
Developing Powders—Removal Sale Price..... **10c**
Ray Filters—Removal Sale Price..... **15c**
A big line of Albums, cloth and leather covers, to fit all size pictures, all new and up to date, at from 25 per cent to 50 per cent discount.

STEEL RANGES: \$1.00.

Quick Heat, People's, Charter Oak and Standard Ranges—take your choice; six-hole, all blue steel, 18-inch oven, warming closet and a guarantee with every Range..... **\$27.50**

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Music Cabinets, in mahogany or oak; plain or mirror tops; our holiday line is now complete—as low as

Bookcases for library, parlor or bedroom, in mahogany or oak; 100 styles now on exhibit; most lasting and convenient pieces of furniture in the home—see our Combination Case for..... **\$7.50**

DON'T GET GRAY.

Sunlight Hair Tonic restores Gray Hair to its natural color. Moistens the hair with the tonic; sunlight will make the hair assume its natural color in fifteen minutes. One bottle will keep your hair in perfect order for a year. Also colors mustaches and whiskers. One liquid, no stickiness, no lead, no sulphur, entirely harmless. All shades of color may be produced by following directions. This is a new preparation far superior to anything in the market; one bottle equal four bottles of old style goods. Trial size 25c post paid or full size bottle \$1.00 (5 times as much as trial size), \$1.00, express prepaid. \$2.00 will be refunded if it fails.

SUNLIGHT HAIR TONIC CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

FINANCIAL.

BUSINESS PARTNER WANTED.—I want active business partner, young man preferred, with from \$100,000 to \$125,000 capital to invest in a company, the object of which is to produce a profitable and profitable business. I have a good business, and I am looking for a partner who will help me to expand it. I am a man of energy and initiative, and I am looking for a partner who will help me to expand it. I am a man of energy and initiative, and I am looking for a partner who will help me to expand it.

H. A. HYATT, THE ONLY STORE OF ITS KIND IN ST. LOUIS, 412 N. BROADWAY

RAWFORD HOPED TO HOLD STORE

If Bids Had Been Under \$500,000 Sale Might Have Been Postponed

D. MAY & CO. PURCHASERS

Offer of \$553,000 Accepted by Court—Firm Gives Certified Check for the Amount

D. May & Co., who yesterday bought at receiver's sale the D. Crawford & Co. department store stock, equipment, furniture, accounts and leaseholds for \$553,000, announced that they will take immediate possession and continue the business at the present stand, Washington avenue and Sixth street.

The certified check for the full amount of the purchase price is in the hands of the clerk of the United States District court.

John P. Crawford, junior member of the firm and son of Dugald Crawford, said last night that the future business plans of himself and his father were indefinite. Each surrendered his home to the creditors of the firm. D. Crawford's residence is at 423 Washington avenue; that of John P. Crawford is at 1222 Virginia avenue.

Mr. Crawford says his father and he had entertained hopes of being able to make arrangements to regain control of the business if the sale had not been effected yesterday.

The statement had been made that if no bid of \$500,000 or over was received the sale would be postponed; and the Crawford family did not expect that half a million dollars would be offered. But to their surprise, \$533,000 more than that sum was bid, and the sale was consummated.

Mr. Crawford expressed the expectation and the sincere hope that the new owners would find the investment a highly profitable one.

Three bids for the property were opened in court. One was from the Mercantile Trust Co. and offered \$553,000. Another from St. Louis, E. & F. Co. offered \$500,000. D. May & Co. bid of \$553,000 was not objected to by the other bidders or by the representatives of the firm's creditors.

The receiver's statement shows that the total amount of the assets is \$729,131.92, and of the liabilities \$285,121.92.

Crawford Ever Known as a Public Spirited Citizen

The home offices of D. May & Co. are in New York. The fact that within 24 hours after announcement that the sale would be made they were able to produce in court a certified check for more than a half million is eloquent evidence of their strength and standing.

Yesterday was the last day for the presentation of claims of creditors against D. Crawford & Co. The hearing of the bankruptcy case will be taken up by Judge Adams on his return from Hannibal, where the court will begin a sitting Monday.

There is a general feeling of regret for the misfortune that has overtaken the firm of D. Crawford & Co. Dugald Crawford began business in a very modest way in St. Louis 57 years ago. A rough, 12-foot board which is a part of the furniture in the big store, was the principal counter of the first store, which, for many years, was at Broadway and Franklin avenues.

Mr. Crawford was always known as a public-spirited citizen, enterprising, progressive and charitable. As the head of the Caledonian Society, he was recognized as the foremost of the Scots in St. Louis.

The regret at the receivers that have overtaken him in the evening of his life is not by any means confined to his personal friends, but is general throughout the city which for a long while has considered "Crawford" one of the institutions of which St. Louis was proud.

His Only Dread

The millinery lady dying upon his gilded bed. "It's well with you, my brother," the preacher sadly said.

The dying man spoke calmly just as his spirit fled. "The hell, here, where is it I have to dread?"

A CAUSE FOR REGRET



Next Sunday every boy in town With P-D's will be weighted down; Bags will bulge and carts will groan. But never a boy will make a moan.

NAVY LIEUTENANT IS A REAL PRINCE

Beautiful Samoan Girl Loved Young American and Her Father Raised Him to Banks of Nobility

Special to the Post-Dispatch. ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 5.—Lieut. L. C. Richardson is the only officer in Uncle Sam's growing navy who can boast of being in prince. In far away Samoa, where he spent the years 1899-1900, his title is a part of the records of the royal family.

This fact became known here for the first time today when a small envelope bearing foreign postmarks was delivered to him. The envelope contained a photo of the Princess Leoto Lele, with a simple word saying that she had found a husband.

This message was to the photo: "Greeting to the prince." The most beautiful woman in all the Samoan Islands is the Princess Leoto Lele, known as Princess Fungana of Tutula. When Lieut. Richardson knew her this royal lady had just turned 18 summers, the age when Samoan women of rank are usually married.

In the spring of 1899, the United States gunboat Albatross steamed into the harbor of Tutula and the officers and men landed in the city of Upolu, Samoa.

One of the officers of the Albatross was Lieut. Richardson, and none of them could see him and the time came when she realized her heart had gone to the handsome young officer. She told her secret to her royal father, who made a royal proposal of marriage. Richardson declined the offer.

The prince and the chiefs accepted his reply, but in accepting it they said: "Because of the love for you in the heart of the Princess Fungana and in all our hearts, we will make you a prince and give you a feast, though you marry not our dear one."

They kept their word, and Lieut. Richardson, as a prince, is entitled to live in the royal palace, to command the people and exercise all other prerogatives of royalty.

INJUNCTION AGAINST UNION

Former Employees of American Type Founders Co. Restrained From Interfering With Business

Judge Tanager, sitting as a special judge in the United States Circuit Court, granted a temporary injunction yesterday restraining members of the St. Louis Typographical Union, No. 2, and other former employees of the American Typefounders Co., from interfering with the present employees of the firm.

The temporary order was made returnable Dec. 11, when the application for a permanent injunction will be argued. Attorneys for the type foundry stated in their application that the foundry had been affected by a strike declared in six cities, one of which is St. Louis. They said since the strike began members of the union against which the injunction was asked have been picketing the St. Louis foundry at Fourth and Elm streets and persuading employees to quit work.

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UNION STATION HOTEL LEASED

Slow Week's Business Presages Usual Holiday Business in the Real Estate Market

Another hotel project is in the air—and not "hot air," either. The Metropolitan Hotel Co. is being organized with a capital of \$100,000 to lease and improve the southwest corner of Washington avenue and Seventeenth street, formerly the Washington University building, but now owned by the Washington Investment Co. The lot fronts 20 feet on Washington avenue and has a depth through to St. Charles street.

The present improvements will be remodeled throughout and equipped as a first-class hotel to be run on both the European and American plans.

The location is one of the most desirable in St. Louis for a modern hotel, and there is little doubt that the enterprise will prove a profitable venture.

Surrounding values will also necessarily be considerably enhanced. According to a prospectus issued by Baker & Crabtree, the promoters, the Metropolitan Hotel Co. holds an option whereby it can lease the property for a term of 12 years at an annual rental of \$12,000, from March 15, 1934, the lessee paying all taxes and insurance.

The stock, which is divided into 1000 shares, 500 8 per cent cumulative preferred stock and 500 common, is now being subscribed. The value of the preferred stock is fixed at \$10 a share, and there is given a bonus of common stock of 50 per cent of the amount of preferred stock purchased.

The building is to be subdivided into 175 rooms, exclusive of bar, cafe, billiard hall, barber shop and office.

The management of the hotel will be in the hands of hotel men who have been in the business for more than 20 years and who have directed the affairs of some of the largest hotels in the country.

Union Station Hotel Is Leased

The newly built Union Station Hotel, at the northeast corner of Nineteenth and Market streets, has been leased through David P. Leahy of the Lincoln Trust Co. to Louis Markel for a term of five years at a rental of \$24,000 a year, which includes the entire building.

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Mass., to E. K. Haas for \$1200. The owner will improve at once.

Lot on La Salle street, between Cardinal and Common avenues, 25x120 feet. Don Williams, who will improve at once.

Lot on north side of Ann avenue, 50x140, from Thomas Allen of Princeton, Mass., to a client of W. S. Richards, who will improve at once.

Since the location of the McKinley High School in Allen's addition more new buildings have been erected there probably than in any other district. The improved streets and desirable building material have attracted many new people to that locality.

AIPLE & HEMMELMANN
Aiple & Hemmelmann Real Estate Co. report the following sales:

No. 4033-34-35 Grove street, three attached 2-story dwellings of six apartments of three rooms each, renting for \$553 per annum, lot 46x60, from Agrie Real Estate and Investment Co. to Ochs Real Estate Co. for \$2500, who bought for investment.

No. 4941 De Soto avenue, a two-story brick residence, with lot 24x120, from Hy. Munn to Henry Nagel, who bought for a home for \$2200.

Lot south side of Wash street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, 75x115, improved with one-story brick building, and a two-story six-room dwelling, renting for \$500 per year, from Louis-Klein City Land Co. to Charles H. Babbitt, who bought for investment.

Lot on the east side of Tower Grove avenue, north of Chouteau avenue, 75x125, from S. L. Williams of Independence, Mo., to Charles H. Babbitt, who bought for investment.

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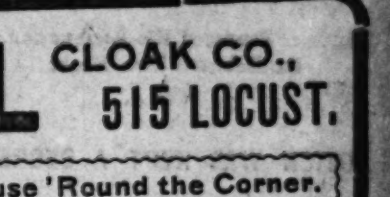
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Terry & Co. report the following deals closed:

Two hundred feet on the north side of Folson avenue, between Spring and Vandeventer, from Michael Hantz to John B. O'Meara for \$6000.

Also on account of John B. O'Meara of the Hill-O-Meara construction Co., 200 feet on the north side of Ashland street, between Locust and Marquette avenues, for \$17,000, including the O'Meara quarry and outcrop to Michael Hantz and wife, who will take the quarry business up from that point. Mr. O'Meara retiring from active participation in that branch of his business.

REAL ESTATE NOTES

Among the city's latest building and construction concerns being a voluminous building business the A. A. Fletcher Architectural and Building Co. rank foremost as designers and builders of fine residences. This firm has secured its office to elegantly equipped and furnished quarters at 608 Chestnut street.

Real Estate Exchange Notes

Transfers for the month up to and including Dec. 4, amounting to \$2,400,000.

Ninety-five deeds of trust were filed for record during the same period, amounting to \$270,000.

\$7,000,000 STOLEN IN NEW YORK

Courts Find Proof Against Adjusters in Fraudulent Fire Insurance Claims

Special to the Post-Dispatch. NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Several million dollars are said to have been stolen from insurance companies by means of fraudulent adjustments in this city.

Several men who have submitted false claims of losses by fire have made confessions to the district attorney. Some of them will go to jail next week, and one public adjuster, Max Kornfeld, convicted several weeks ago in Recorder Goff's office of submitting a false claim of loss, will be sentenced Monday. The district attorney will call upon the grand jury Monday to make a thorough investigation.

It is charged that an organized band of fire adjusters, for a consideration, not only will commit perjury, but will submit false claims of losses to insurance companies.

All the insurance companies are greatly interested in the grand jury investigation, and wholesale indictments may be handed down. Some of the adjusters, whose names appear in the confessions, have left the jurisdiction of the court. Others are still in this city.

One of those under indictment, who has made a confession of his guilt, has named a high city official as being implicated in the presentation of false claims of loss. The name of the official is to be made public in court when an affidavit by one of the accused will be made. It is believed that the grand jury's investigation will show that many of the fires, for which claims of loss were presented, either did not occur at all or that the fires were of an incendiary origin.

STROTHMAN & STROTHMAN

Two-story frame dwelling, 415 North Nineteenth street, from Charles Niekamp to Jessie Barrett, \$1900.

Lot 30x140, on Partridge avenue, and Walnut street, from Parsons Investment Co. to Herman Thiele Jr., \$200.

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Lot on Ann avenue, north side, between McNeil and Missouri avenues, in Allen's Lafayette Park addition, 50x125, from Thomas Allen of Princeton, Mass., to a

THE HORRORS OF KISHINEFF TOLD IN COURT

One Father Describes How He Was Spattered With the Blood of His Boy, Who Was Beaten to Death With Clubs Before His Eyes, Crying Piteously for Aid

POLICEMAN CALLED ON ONLY GROWLED AT THE GORE

Correspondent at Russian Tribunal Trying Investigators of Massacre Reports That the Shocking Testimony Moves Even the Indifferent if Not Hostile Judges on the Bench

Special Cable to the Post-Dispatch (Copyright, 1903, by the Press Publishing Co.) KISHINEFF, Russia, Dec. 2, via Vienna, Dec. 5.—Although the authorities here seem determined that the investigators of the massacre shall escape unharmed the effect created even on the indifferent if not actually hostile court by the evidence of the surviving Jews is profound.

Today Reuben Kasap described how, concealed under a roof, he witnessed the cruel murder of his grandnephew, who shrieked wildly many minutes.

Simon Baranowitch told how his 15-year-old boy, Benjamin, was dragged from a closet and beaten to death with clubs, his blood sprinkling his father's clothes. He cried piteously to his father for help, stretching out his arms toward him.

At the same time two men, Galand and Pesenman, were cruelly butchered. The witness recognized all four of the murderers among the crowd present, and pointed them out with his finger.

Policeman Fiksan Solowkin reached the spot and Baranowitch on his knees begged him to save the rest of the family.

Solowkin asked if anything had happened, whereupon Baranowitch led him up to the corpses lying in blood several inches deep. The witness was much concerned about the blood on his boots, but did nothing to protect the miserable victims from the mob.

The court confronted Baranowitch with Solowkin, as the latter had sworn that he did not know of murders being committed in his district. The policeman declared that he did not remember the scene described by Baranowitch.

STORY OF AN ORPHAN WHO WAS THROWN INTO THE RIVER TO DROWN

Special Cable to the Post-Dispatch (Copyright, 1903, by the Press Publishing Co.) VIENNA, Dec. 6.—The Post-Dispatch correspondent recently saw the orphan of some of the Jews killed in the Kishineff massacre. They were staying at the Hotel Roumania here, on their way to Palestine, in the care of their tutor, Israel Balkin, and a widow who lost her husband in the massacre.

They occupied five large rooms. There were 20 children altogether, seven girls and twenty-three boys.

When the correspondent entered most of them were playing. The oldest child, a boy with fine dark eyes, which were red from weeping, was at first the only one of them who would speak to the visitor, the rest being too shy. His name is Isaac, and he is 13 years old. He looked wistfully at the correspondent as he told his story.

"When I heard the shouts and cries of the people," the boy said, in a peculiar mixture of German, Russian and Hebrew, somewhat difficult to understand, "I was anxious to know what was going on outside and went out of doors. My father approached and called me back. At that moment about twenty men came along, armed with sticks and axes, and before my eyes, knocked my father to the ground. I heard him cry, 'Help, help,' but hearing also the awful curses of the men, ran away.

"One of them followed and struck me with a heavy stone. I fell down, the man grabbed me, and saying, 'You must perish, miserable Jew,' threw me into the river and went away. But the water not being deep, I waded to the other shore and hid there in a bush about three hours. During all this time I heard terrible cries of distress.

"When the town became a little quiet in the evening I returned to my home. Did I say home? I had no home; my father was killed and I only found his corpse in the ruins of our house. I shall never, never forget that terrible sight."

"Are you not sorry to leave your country?" asked the correspondent. "I have no country. Palestine will, perhaps, become my country," answered the boy.

The youngest orphan is a girl of six years. She is the daughter of a tobacco grower named Hultmann, who was killed in the presence of his children and of his wife, who was about to become a mother. When I asked the child if she remembered the scene she began to cry terribly, and all she would say was: "I want to go back to mamma."

All the children appeared to be well cared for, but nervous and tired. Fourteen have visible wounds on their faces and heads, the result of blows from sticks and stones.

BARRETT TO SERVE FIVE YEARS

Former Court of Appeals Marshal Sentenced and Fined for Naturalization Frauds

Thomas E. Barrett, former marshal of the St. Louis Court of Appeals, convicted in the United States District Court of aiding and abetting in naturalization frauds, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Elmer B. Adams to five years' imprisonment and the payment of a \$500 fine.

The same penalty as that inflicted on Chairman Dolan of the Democratic city central committee, and Solomon Garrett, who were convicted of the same charge. All three have appealed to the circuit court. Barrett furnished \$20,000 bond with Martin Carrington, Martin Shaughnessy and P. C. Murray as sureties.

In sentencing Barrett Judge Adams said that what he had told Dolan and Garrett applied with like force to him. He laid particular stress on the enormity of their crime. Barrett was fined \$100 for each day he had inflicted the same penalty.

LEADING BIOLOGISTS OF AMERICA TO MEET IN ST. LOUIS THIS MONTH

Developments Are Expected to Mark a New Era in the World of Scientific Thought—Many Societies to Be Represented,

Prominent biologists from all parts of America will gather in St. Louis for the convention week meetings, the last week in December. At this time St. Louis will be given over to the leading scientists of the western hemisphere, attracted here by the several important conventions to be held. The deliberations of these several scientific societies will be of interest and importance not only to the scientific world, but to the general public. The developments of the week are expected to mark a new era in the world of scientific thought.

Interest will center in the American association sections devoted to zoology and botany. Prof. E. L. Mark of Harvard University is chairman of the zoology section and Prof. C. J. Herrick of Denison University is secretary. Of the botanical section Prof. T. H. MacDougal of the University of Iowa is chairman and Prof. F. E. Lloyd of Columbia University is secretary. An informal club is conducted in connection with each of these sections.

Special features of the meetings of these sections will be the addresses of the retiring chairmen, Prof. C. W. Hargitt of Syracuse University, on zoology, and P. W. Colville of the United States department of agriculture on botany.

St. Louis is honored with distinguished representation in the American Society of Naturalists, the most important American body of specialists in the biological sciences, its membership being limited to those of marked professional attainments.

Prof. William Trelease of Washington University is president of this society. Dr. Ross G. Harrison of the Johns Hopkins Medical School is secretary. The banquet at the Mercantile Club on the evening of December 30 will be a feature of the meeting.

Prominent and successful investigators make up the membership of the Botanical Society of America, which was organized ten years ago for the promotion of research in all branches of botany. This society is unique among American scientific organizations. Its members pay extremely large initiation fees and annual dues, to be devoted to a fund for the furtherance of investigation. Prof. C. R. Barnes of the University of Chicago is president of the botanical society and Dr. D. T. MacDougal of the New York Botanical Garden is secretary.

At the convention week meeting of the society, Dr. B. T. Galloway, the retiring president, who is connected with the United States department of agriculture, will make an address on "The Twentieth Century Demands of Botany."

The Central Botanists' Association, like that of the Zoologists, is a body in close affiliation with the Society. Its president is Prof. Conway Macmillan of the University of Minnesota and Dr. C.



C. R. BARNES



DR. D. T. MACDOUGAL

F. Millsapugh of the Field Columbian Museum is secretary. The Fern Chapter is composed of special students of one group of plants, and there is scarcely a fern student of the United States who is not counted in its membership. It was organized a little over ten years ago. It has held successful meetings in Boston and New York, and the third, to be held in St. Louis in connection with the other scientific meetings, is expected to be of much interest. Among other features, an examination of the large variety of ferns cultivated at the Missouri Botanical Garden is promised. The officers are E. D. Gilbert of Cayville, N. Y., president, and H. D. House of the New York Botanical Garden, secretary.

His Preference

It was during the supper hour at the theatrical boarding house. "Are you fond of vegetables, Mr. Barnstormer?" asked the landlady. "Well," replied the tragedian, "I—er—wouldn't make out the cause of her illness."

SLAYER AND SUICIDE URGED THIRD DEATH

Left Letter Advising Brother of Sweetheart, Whom He Killed, to Shoot Another Man

Special to the Post-Dispatch. CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 5.—Another tragedy lurks in the shadow of a murder and suicide committed in this city this afternoon. Delaware Thompson, a young man of Westchester, Pa., shot and killed his sweetheart, Addie Hacker of Little, Pa., and then killed himself.

He left a letter addressed to a brother of the dead girl, asking him to kill another man, whose name was known to the murderer and his sweetheart and is known to the brother. The man whose death is threatened lives in Little. He is supposed to have come between the lovers.

Thompson and Miss Hacker had been engaged for a long time. They were apparently happy until a few days ago, when the girl returned Thompson's ring and letters and asked him to release her from the engagement. This he refused to do and, at his request, she came to Camden today to meet him.

They went to the home of Mrs. P. A. Lewis, an old friend. When Mrs. Lewis greeted them they appeared to be in the best of spirits. After some conversation, Mrs. Lewis left them alone in the parlor.

In a few minutes Mrs. Lewis heard the sound of three shots. She hurried to the parlor and found Thompson and Miss Hacker dead on the floor. The young woman had been shot twice in the head. Thompson had killed himself by putting a bullet through his brain.

Two letters were found in Thompson's pocket. The ink on them was scarcely dry. One was signed by Thompson and the girl and was in Miss Hacker's handwriting. It expressed their wish to die together. The other read:

Notify Wilson Hacker of Little of Addie's death. Tell him if he has my nerve, he will take a gun and fix that man whose name I gave him."

BECOMES SUDDENLY DUMB.

Failure of Man's Voice Puzzles Mascoutah Physicians

Mascoutah physicians are puzzled over the strange loss of speech of Herman Ladensack, who lives near that place. Since Thursday physicians have failed in their effort to restore his vocal powers. He can make a slight noise, but is unable to articulate.

While at work last Thursday for William Engel, at the latter's home near Mascoutah, he was struck by a falling beam, which he could not move. He was taken to the hospital, but has not heard from him for 25 years or more.—M. E. Gallaher.

"Centerville, Mo., John J. Lence, in regard to the letter of yours directed to the Barnesville lodge asking for information in regard to J. E. Barnes, I can give you any you want. He is my father. He has a wife here, living in the same house that he was when he left here."

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ANTICIPATIONS



Every P. D. to him is gold: Before he buys his pile is sold: Next Sunday won't he have a 'stake,' And feed on candy, pie and cake!

MYSTERY CLEARED AFTER 27 YEARS

"Samuel Botkin" Identified as Josiah B. Barnes, Who Disappeared From Missouri in 1876

Special to the Post-Dispatch. ALTO PASS, Ill., Dec. 5.—The mystery concerning the life of Samuel Botkin, for twenty-five years a prominent resident of Cobden, who dropped dead in an out-house at his boarding house recently, has been cleared up by letters received from his former home in Missouri, where his wife and other members of his family still live.

At the coroner's inquest, a demit from a Masonic lodge at Ellington, Mo., was found on the body, bearing the name Josiah B. Barnes, and an investigation brought the following explanatory letters:

"Centerville, Mo., J. J. Lence, Jonesboro, Ill. Yours of the 12th inst. to hand and contents noted. Will say, in regard to Josiah B. Barnes, I never knew him as I am a young Mason, but he was once a resident of Centerville, and has a large family here. His wife owns town property in Centerville. I was to see Mrs. Barnes this morning and she tells me it has been 27 years since he left here, and that he, Barnes, told her that he would go by the name of Samuel Botkin when he left. His wife received letters from him for a year or so after he left, but has not heard from him for 25 years or more.—M. E. Gallaher."

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"SPECIAL" FOR WORLD'S FAIR

INQUESTS OF HALF YEAR.

St. Clair County Coroner Has Been Kept Busy

From June 1 to Dec. 1, 1903, Coroner McCracken has held 128 inquests. Of the victims 119 were men and 19 women.

East St. Louis leads with 128 inquests, followed by Belleville with 16, Sugar Loaf 5, Brooklyn 3, Mascoutah 3, Centerville Station 2, Freeburg 2, New Athens 1, County Farm 1, O'Fallon 1, St. Clair 1, Caseyville 1.

Of the 128 inquests, there were 10 deaths by suicide, 79 accidents, 9 murders and 30 by natural causes.

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A rich but ignorant lady who was rather amusing in her conversational style, in speaking of a friend said:

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GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., ECLIPSES ALL THE STORIES OF BOODLE

Lant K. Salsbury, Former City Attorney, Who Admits to Having Engineered Six Grafting Deals at One Time, Looms Up as Most Unique Figure in Boodle History.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 5.—Former City Attorney Lant K. Salsbury's confession that he was engineering six deals at one time marks him as a unique figure in boodle history.

In the six deals for water franchises, which involved millions, and for which he was the promoter, Salsbury frankly admits that it was his purpose to put the most of the money—given to him to use as bribes—into his own pocket, and leave the bribe-givers to pocket their losses with their credulity.

The uniqueness of his character is none the less marked because—through great entanglement—he failed to make his get rich scheme work.

According to Salsbury's story given at the bribery hearing the roll of boodlers includes the following: George R. Perry, ex-mayor, \$13,725; J. Clark Sprout, manager Grand Rapids Democrat, \$333; R. A. Cameron, New York, \$500; State Senator David E. Burns, \$200; Alderman McCool, \$500; Alderman Ellen, \$350; Alderman de Pagter, \$350; Alderman Muir, \$500; Alderman Kinney, \$350; Alderman Donovan, \$500; Alderman Phillips, \$1000; Alderman Johnson, \$350 or \$400; Alderman Stonehouse, \$350; Alderman Lozier, \$500; Alderman Schriver, \$350; Alderman Mol, \$350; Alderman Ghyssels, \$350; Alderman Hedges, \$500; Alderman Slocum, \$500; Cory P. Bissell, \$500; J. Russell Thompson, reporter on Evening Press, \$500; Isaac Lamore, ex-city clerk, \$1500; State Representative Van Zoeren, \$350; State Representative Van Deroock, \$60; E. D. Conger, manager Grand Rapids Herald, \$10,000; Thomas E. McElarry, a prominent attorney, now in Florida, \$7500, and C. S. Burch, manager of the Evening Press, \$5000.

Salsbury also implicates Dudley E. Waters, ex-president of the board of public works; Dr. Nikke de Vries, ex-city physician; Geo. Ellis, a local broker; Samuel M. Lammon, collector of internal revenue, and William H. Anderson, president of the Fourth National Bank.

Seventeen city officials are already under indictment for boodling.

The first publicity attached to the case came in an indictment returned against Salsbury by the Cook County (Ill.) grand jury early in February of 1902. The indictment charged "one Salsbury, alias William Woods," with the larceny of \$50,000 from Guy C. Barton of Omaha. It was alleged that Barton and Salsbury had entered into an agreement concerning the Grand Rapids water contract, and that the money had been placed in a Chicago safety deposit vault, pending a fulfillment of the agreement. Both Barton and Salsbury had keys to the box, and, it was said, Salsbury abstracted the money without the other's permission.

Soon after the indictment was voted Salsbury was taken to Chicago by private detectives and an all-night conference was held in the Grand Pacific Hotel. It was at this conference that Salsbury turned over the \$50,000 to Barton. The Chicago indictment was then dropped.

Salsbury was brought back to this city June 14, 1902, and was indicted on the charge of conspiracy in attempting to defraud the city by promoting a fake deal whereby the city was to receive its water supply from Lake Michigan. Others involved and indicted were Thomas F. McGarry, a lawyer and promoter; Henry A. Taylor, a New York capitalist; Silson V. MacLeod, ex-manager of the Grand Rapids clearing house; Gerritt Albert, an attorney, Dec. 1, 1901. Salsbury was convicted of accepting a bribe of \$75,000 in connection with the water deal, but his case went to the supreme court. In the meantime he was convicted of violating the banking laws and sent to the Detroit house of correction.

Salsbury, shortly after his arrival here from Detroit, went voluntarily to the office of Mr. Ward and said that he had a statement to make relative to the case. Kent County prosecutors had expected that Salsbury would make a statement after his arrival here, but were entirely unexpected of the story that he told. The confession made was kept secret by the prosecutors until the arrest of Senator David E. Burns as the first party concerned.

Senator Burns declared that he was entirely innocent and demanded that he be given an immediate trial. He was arraigned before Judge William H. Haggerty of the police court. Many of his political friends were present and he shook hands with them and addressed them in the most familiar terms.

After completing the preliminary details of the crime, Salsbury said:

"Stilson MacLeod, cashier of the old National Bank of Grand Rapids, received from Mr. A. Taylor \$75,000. MacLeod took out of this amount \$10,000 with which to make good a shortage of his bank, \$12,000 with which to pay certain debts he had contracted, \$500 to pay a note of his own, leaving \$63,000, which was turned over to me. I carried this money around with me until after the



LANT K. SALSURY.

spring election and I exposed a large part of it at the Peninsula Club, of which I was a member. I suppose I acted foolishly, but did not realize it at the time.

"Finally I talked with Mayor George R. Perry and we agreed to divide it at once. We set aside \$10,000 with which to carry the common council for our deal; \$12,750 went to Mayor Perry, \$13,750 was for the Grand Rapids Democrat, and \$10,000 for Eugene Conger, proprietor of the Grand Rapids Herald.

"We paid city officials and aldermen and others in envelopes as follows: City Clerk Lamoreaux, \$250; Cory P. Bissell, secretary of the board of public works, \$500; and aldermen as follows: McCool, \$500; Donovan, \$500; Hedges, \$500 each; Phillips, \$1000; Ellen, De Pagter, Kinney, Scriever, Johnson and Stonehouse, \$350 each; J. Russell Thompson, municipal reporter for the Evening Press, was given \$500 in cash and promised \$500 more with a number of shares of stock later.

THE PERSONALITY AND CAREER OF "LANT" SALSURY, WHO TELLS THE ASTOUNDING STORY AT GRAND RAPIDS

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 5.—Lant K. Salsbury, former city attorney of Grand Rapids, who with Thomas A. McGarry, engineered a sensational bribery system in the famous water scandal here and, who, in the hope that the courts will remand him with a light sentence for his complicity in the affair is now confessing the whole scheme, was, in the height of his career, a clubman, churchman and leader of the best social circles of the city.

Thirty-eight years ago Salsbury was born in a log house in Alpena, a small village 15 miles from this city. From the time he was able to know what money meant he was continually bargaining with his companions invariably getting the big end. When Salsbury was 10 years of age he and his brother were appointed agents for Kent County by a specialty company. They were to appoint agents and receive a big commission as the appointees were required to buy a stock of specialties. History has it that Lant and his brother appointed nearly every man and boy in the county and cleaned up a snug sum. With this he paid his way through the University of Michigan, graduating as a lawyer. It is somewhat of a coincidence that R. A. Cameron, one of the leaders in the water deal, and Col. Eli R. Sutton, who planned and executed the military clothing supply scandal in the Michigan capital several years ago, were his classmates.

A man of striking appearance was Salsbury when he leased offices in this city and entered society. Six feet in

height, splendidly proportioned, with a classic head, poised superbly on broad shoulders, black eyes that flashed brightly when he was excited and possessed of an exceedingly strong personality, it was not at all strange that he was received with open arms. While it was known that Salsbury was receiving a good salary and other legitimate perquisites, it occasioned considerable surprise among his friends when he banqueted them in royal fashion at an expense of \$500. From that time until the thunderbolt fell he allowed his money to slip through his fingers like water through a screen, in his endeavors to keep the lead.

He was also an extravagant dresser and boasted of having ordered four \$75 suits of clothes within three weeks.

Salsbury's confession relative to the water deal was not unexpected. The court room in which the examination is being conducted is daily crowded to the doors. Among the spectators are many of Salsbury's former friends. Without a sign of regret for the trouble he is causing, he sits on the witness stand and slowly and distinctly and without the least nervousness, recounts the details of the deal. His eyes wander about the room, and rest momentarily on some old acquaintance evidently expecting to see a sign of recognition, but none is given.

When the day's examination is over Salsbury steps into a private office adjoining the court, waits until the crowd is gone, and then hustles into a cab and is driven home, where his wife and two children await him.

the members of the committee and they

"About this time we learned that the certified check which had been deposited by our bid was fraudulent. It purported to be good for \$100,000. It had been deposited by Attorney Thomas McGarry, and we supposed that it was genuine. At the same time we discovered that Eugene D. Conger, publisher of the Herald, was also aware of the fraudulent nature of the check, because he had been corresponding with people in New York relative to the standing of our people there and had found out it was bad.

"We had a bad day that Monday before the council met. We decided that the jig would be all up with us unless we could make a play. We saw that the only thing for us to do was to denounce the check and our explosion. Frank Ball, then city assessor, prepared Perry's communication and it was thrown into the council that Monday night, causing a great sensation.

"At a subsequent meeting our committee recommended that we readvertise for bids. Our plan was for our people to put in two bids, one to play against the other, and for one to be really withdrawn. About this time Conger of the Herald began threatening us. I had George Ellis, a local stock broker, see Conger and offer him \$10,000 in stock in the water company, but Conger refused to consider it. He wanted the cash.

"I sent for Conger and he came to my office in the city hall. We could not come to terms, and he left me with a threat. A few days later he came to me and showed me an article exposing our whole scheme. He said that unless I gave him \$10,000 in cash he would publish it. I thought the amount was a little too high, but he said

his standing with the city board of trade

was good, and that his personal influence counted for a great deal. Therefore I paid him the \$10,000 in cash.

Salsbury claimed that he had other money than this \$75,000, as \$25,000 had been deposited here before that. Of this amount he said he also gave \$2000 to Charles S. Burch, business and general manager of the Evening Press. He said Burch demanded \$10,000, but after several talks agreed to, and did take, \$5000.

Salsbury also said that he gave \$2333 to Mayor Perry and a like amount to J. Clark Sprout of the Evening Post. Incidentally he said he had been obliged to pay McGarry \$1000 before the latter would testify for him when his case was tried in the superior court.

Salsbury was asked about his scheme with the Bartons of Omaha, for which he was arrested for swindling them out of \$8,000. With remarkable coolness he said: "We had bidders on the string from all sides, and our first point was to get them to put up all the money they had with us as bribe money, and then go to the council and exhibit the money with the statement that it had been sent here for us. This was before the last water deal was planned and our first plan would have gone through but for my arrest in Chicago, which scared some of the bidders out. We had bidders in Omaha, Chicago, Milwaukee and other places and were just getting them warmed up when my arrest in Chicago upset all our plans.

"The next plan," the witness said, "was to get the city Grand Rapids to build the old hydraulic water plant. It was practically worthless so far as competition was concerned, but could be made to appear good. In order to get the deal through it was necessary to have the city charter amended, and for this purpose we had to arrange with Senator Burns and others. Moses Crow and Ed Black of New York City were to back the scheme financially,

and were to put in \$500,000 as a starter.

Willard Kingsley of this city acted for them in the plot.

"Of this amount we were to give Conger and the Herald \$10,000, \$5000 to Senator Burns, \$50,000 was to go for carrying the legislature for the bill, and the balance was to be divided among Mayor Perry, J. Clark Sprout, George Ellis and myself."

Salsbury's wife is one of his staunchest supporters. She said tonight: "I know Lant is doing right in making his confession. He will feel better when he has told all. He has learned a terrible lesson and I know that he is willing and ready to begin life anew and show the people that he can be a true and upright man. I believe in him and will always continue to do so. He is my husband, the man I have promised to love and respect, and nothing will ever turn me from him."

"During the time since his arrest I have suffered more than people think. Everybody in Grand Rapids knows that we stood well socially prior to the time he was arrested. I thought that I had a great many friends, but I find that they are not true friends. While Lant was working away in the Detroit house of correction my children and I lived economically on the little money that was provided us from his savings. We tried to keep up our courage and meet people face to face. But when I would walk along the streets of the city and meet men and women, especially women who had always extended their most cordial invitations for Lant and me to visit them at their homes, they deliberately turned their face aside and passed me with the intention of hurting me. It was too much. Men, whose wives many of those women were, were just as guilty of crime in connection with this water deal as my husband. I have lived a life of humiliation and disgrace since Lant was arrested and sentenced to imprisonment, but God will take care of me and the children, no matter what comes."

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Padded payrolls have long been in use in both parties.

To General Wood, Rathbone begins to look like the Wrathbone.

Why should we not have in President Roosevelt and Senator Hanna a perfect Alphonse and a perfect Gaston.

To be ahead of Boston educationally is glory enough. What is the glory of an International Exposition to that of educational superiority?

Mr. Roosevelt is not afraid of Mark Twain's presidential boom. The country remembers the great Roosevelt pun on "back to Des Moines."

A GREAT THING TO KNOW.

When the brief explanatory notices sent out with the announcement of the death of William M. Springer fail to mention him as one of the notable presidential possibilities of the not very remote past, it suggests the revolution which in some way not yet accounted for, actually came in with the new century.

It is only a few years since Mr. Springer was a celebrated national character. Through no change in himself and no fault of his own, his death found him already completely a part of the past.

Those who turn to collections of the biographies of "the hundred greatest living Americans" or to similar works published ten years ago in the time of the celebrity of Mr. Springer may easily find materials there to account for his prominence then.

What they will not find is material to account for the fact that probably eight in every ten of those who were selected as "the hundred greatest living Americans" in 1890 are either dead as in the case of most of those who became celebrated during the Civil War period, or else numbered with those who have since "stepped down and out."

The leaders of the Civil War generation and the intermediate generation are scarcely represented in the national politics of the present. They have passed out as completely as the celebrities of the generation of Webster and Clay passed out between 1850 and 1860.

One thing these men knew from their experience better than it can be known by the enthusiastic leaders of any new generation, is what ought not to be allowed to happen again.

That is not everything by any means, but it is a great thing and it is a great thing for a new generation to learn it at the least possible expense.

There will always be more or less things unamerican in our departments at Washington.

A BIRTHDAY GIFT.

A staff of editors, reporters and artists has been engaged for two months in the preparation of the twenty-fifth birthday number of the Post-Dispatch, which will be issued next Sunday. As the task approaches completion the wealth of interesting articles and beautiful pictures gathered convinces those who have watched the building up of this great edition that it will surpass every newspaper souvenir number ever issued. The number of pages it will contain is still undetermined, but the minimum has been fixed at 124. If not another page is added, the weight of each copy will be a trifle in excess of two pounds. Every ounce will be worth all that purchasers pay for the entire newspaper, yet notwithstanding the fact that each copy will cost the Post-Dispatch three times the selling price, purchasers will pay the same as on all previous Sundays—5 cents. The facilities of the Post-Dispatch plant are greater than those of any other newspaper plant in this wide territory, yet it is unable to print a larger number than was fixed upon when the preparations for this issue were begun. Orders already received indicate a very much greater percentage of increase in circulation than was contemplated in the most sanguine estimates. The conclusion is inevitable that persons who do not order in advance will be unable to secure a copy of this great newspaper next Sunday.

Mexico will have a six-years' President sooner than the United States. Somehow we are too indolent to amend our constitution in any respect. Even an amendment providing for the election of United States senators by the people has not yet been reached.

KEEPING WATCH AND WARD IN BOSTON.

A sensation was created in Boston the other day by the arrest of four bookkeepers charged with having in stock Boccaccio's Decameron, Margaret of Navarre's Heptameron and the works of Rabelais. These, according to the complaint of the Watch and Ward Society, are very, very bad books and nobody but members of the Watch and Ward should be allowed to read them.

In some states these books are known in the courts as "great literature" and therefore not in that class condemned as "improper."

It is a question of considerable interest to persons who like to familiarize themselves with great literature. The books complained of in Boston are no worse—if that is the correct adjective and degree—than any Shakespeare. If the Massachusetts courts forbid Rabelais, will the watchers and warders move next against the Bard of Avon? And what about Burns? He is dreadfully improper—quite impossible. Are the young men and women of the Bay State to be deprived of the inspiration of Shakespeare and Burns?

Dr. Hunter, Republican, whom the Kentucky election commission has given a certificate of election in the Eleventh Kentucky district, is a Hanna man. The defeated Republican candidate is a Rooseveltian. Everything seems to be going Uncle Mark's way except the presidency, and perhaps that is waiting to go, too.

MY LADY AND HER GRANDMOTHER.

One of the most interesting bits of advice which syndicate beauty specialists give My Lady when she goes shopping in St. Louis and comes home exhausted, is that she should have a pocket in her pillow with rose leaves in it.

She is advised to recline against the pillow with her cheek against the rose leaves and inhale their fragrance as a means of restoring her strength.

There are those who scoff at "Colonial Societies," but one of the developments possible from the interest in Colonial manners they develop is knowledge of what My Lady's grandmother or great-grandmother might have done under similar circumstances.

If she happened to be trying to make a garden while her husband was "making the clearing" in the new ground, she usually leaned on the handle of her hoe for a few minutes and then took a fresh start. And usually she employed the same method of refreshing herself while doing the family washing. She was so much benefited by it that she thought nothing

of carrying a bucket of water in each hand from the spring under the hill, and sometimes she carried one on her head also.

Rose leaves may relieve My Lady's feelings of weariness somewhat, but she may be further strengthened by studying the methods of her grandmother in the days before pockets were invented for pillows.

The trade reviews report improvement in retail trade and that jobbing trade has also expanded. Agricultural staples are reviving. In iron and steel there is a growing confidence that the new year will bring further revival.

ENGLISH POETS OF TWO SCHOOLS.

St. Louis is about to have Mr. Stephen Phillips ably "presented" as a great poet in his classical drama of "Ulysses." It will be well worth while for us to add to our knowledge of Mr. Phillips, regardless of the "classical" drama, for he is a very able, a very refined, a very delicate poet.

On the other hand, Mr. Kipling is also very able and he is what Mr. Phillips is not, for he is as intelligible as a costermonger. Those who love London dance hall tunes and know the Cockney dialect of the alums, cannot fail of being delighted by Mr. Kipling, for on his own ground Mr. Kipling is not only able but being of his own generation he is powerful.

The trouble with Mr. Phillips is illustrated by one of his American admirers who tells us this December, 1904 A. D., that "the roof of the house by the sea is crusted with golden lights, for Aphrodite has set the fresh unaging stars to shine above us in the silent dusk."

When this is cut up into proper lengths with capital letters at the beginning of each length, it is supposed to be classical poetry. Opinions may differ about that. But supposing that it is, what is Aphrodite to us or we to Aphrodite?

Now suppose on the other hand that Mr. Phillips had learned everything possible of the old Greeks and, after that enormous advantage, had applied his knowledge in the language, the spirit of these times, not in costermonger dialect and to dance hall tunes, but in good, plain and correctly spelled English, would not that have been infinitely better for him and for us than his attempt to bring us back from the costermonger basis to that of the ancient Greek bow and arrow period.

The Ulysses who has already appeared on our bill-boards is dressed almost wholly in his bow and arrow and is certainly very strenuous in that costume. The fact that in his own generation he wore clothes does not count for much, perhaps.

What would count for everything, however, would be men like Stephen Phillips using their knowledge of the past, to speak to the present in its own language and its own way—its own best and highest way.

Failure to do this is the failure of Mr. Phillips as a poet. His lack is not as deep as a well or as broad as a church door, but it serves.

Our manufacturers exports show a gratifying increase in October. The home trade would show a gratifying increase if American consumers could get American articles at as low figures as they are sold to foreigners.

One of Elijah Dowle's ravens, a rich Wisconsin banker and another wealthy New Yorker who sends him \$50,000. The original Elijah would have thought himself on Easy street if he had possessed a few shekels.

The declaration of President Eliot of Harvard that the St. Louis public schools are the best in the country is important and true. Let us see that we live up to it and continue to keep politics out of our school system.

The Ohio law making counties pay damages in lynching cases is said to have checked mob law in Ohio. When mob law must be paid for, a great many people can perceive how demoralizing it is.

Mr. Roosevelt was one of the first advocates of the merit system and as a civil service commissioner did most effective work to carry out the law. Will he not now pursue the same course?

Should the discovery of helium lead to the transmutation of lead into gold, the riches of imperial Missouri will be enormously increased.

POST-DISPATCH SNAP-SHOOTS.

Conscience can't keep a policeman awake.

Wood may be an oak, but he will pine if the Senate goes against him.

The man who is to start life anew with one ear and \$3000 will doubtless hear of many "sure" investments. The promoters have not failed to obtain his address.

All honor to Farmer Rendleman of Illinois, who raises November tomatoes. Give us the winter egg and the winter tomato and we shall continue to be the greatest people on earth.

POST-DISPATCH ANSWERS.

Legal questions not answered. Business addresses not given. No hints decided. Address all letters. "Answers, Post-Dispatch, City." (To All Questioners.—Don't write a word but the question and signature. Answer has no time to read more. Be merciful.)

1.—Write to Secretary W. B. Stevens, World's Fair. SAM D.—Archbishop Kenrick died March 4, 1898.

2.—Try writing to Secretary W. B. Stevens in regard to World's Fair street car facilities.

3.—Good feeling should suggest an answer to a wedding reception invitation, but etiquette does not yet absolutely require it.

4.—"What makes the hair gray?" The change in the mineral ingredients of the hair cells, produced by worry or age or imperfect health.

5.—W. G.—The rate is 15 cents for each additional seven words. No fee for the first 100 words. Addressed stamps or envelopes is included.

6.—SKATER.—No skating at the parks.

7.—W. P.—No premium on 1825 half dollar or dime of 1835. We do not pass on the reliability of firms in these answers.

8.—F. P.—Cubic inches in a bushel of coal, 2150.42.

9.—B. C.—No premium on any Columbian half dollar. G.—Premium on 1825 half dollar, no premium on 1835 nickel 5 cents.

10.—A. HAPLAN.—No premium on 1811 5-franc piece.

11.—Only persons residing in the city and 21 years of age can be taxed on personal property. No personal taxes can be collected from you if the assessment was made while you were in the city. Curators, trustees or guardians pay the taxes on property of minors.

12.—Try asking at the poultry stalls for cheap substitute for pillow down. Inexpensive Christmas gifts for gentlemen, neckwear, slippers, handkerchiefs, hose, coats, umbrellas, cans, brushes and various other things which you might find listed in Post-Dispatch advertisements.

13.—H. C.—Four Courts were finished and occupied in 1871. We have not the date of commencement. The name was suggested by an Irish judge, and is the name as that of a similar building in Dublin. Architect was Thomas P. Walsh. Building and grounds cost \$350,000. The old Chouteau mansion stood on the grounds before the Four Courts were built.

14.—SIBBEL.—In 1900 Missouri had more than 20,000,000 apple trees, fully a third more than any other state. One or two other states, like New York, produce just now more apples than Missouri. It is because many Missouri trees have been cut recently for firewood. In states surrounding Missouri the apple orchards have reached the height of their production. Laclede County will soon have the largest orchard in the state, with 250,000 trees.

15.—WILLY.—This year the Railroad Flyer, ran a mile in 30 seconds. Two years ago it ran 120 miles an hour. Two years ago the Empire State Express (New York Central), ran a mile in 12.5 seconds. The 12 passenger train, ran a mile in 12.5 seconds. The 12 passenger train, ran a mile in 12.5 seconds. The 12 passenger train, ran a mile in 12.5 seconds.

16.—DIAMONDS.—The Great Mogul diamond in the rough weighed 785 carats, cut, 275.82. What has become of it is unknown. A Brazilian diamond of Brazil, uncut, weighs 1680 carats, or 12 pounds, but is suspected of being topaz. The Kohinoor of Great Britain weighed 80 carats in the rough, but now weighs 105.10 carats. Russian Orlov diamond is said to have weighed, when rough, 375 carats, but now weighs 195 carats. The 125 carat African diamond found, weighing 202 carats, at Kimberley in 1871, was named Victoria. Later one weighing 400 carats was found.

If Phelps "Does Time."

From the Henry County Republic.

It is rumored that "Bill" Phelps is to be indicted for giving a railroad pass to a legislator. It's the belief of our "careful calculator" that if Bill is indicted—and tried, and after a motion to quash, and for a chance of venue, and for a new trial—and in the event of judgment after all other motions for delay, is convicted and sentenced for life, and does not get pardoned, or run away, or die—a day in jail, for each mile of transportation he has furnished Missouri legislators and legislators, he will still be "doing time" after the youngest child in Missouri has "been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun."

JUST A MINUTE

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IT IS TO WRESTLE.

Life is more like wrestling than dancing.—From "The Thoughts of Marcus Aurelius."

"This life," good Marc. Aurelius once said, "is more like wrestling than it is like dancing."

While lights resplendent gleam from overhead.

While fairy feet along the floor are glancing.

Though pleasure's bounty everywhere seems spread.

And life, at times, a vision is entrancing.

The ancient world has left the truth entire.

And this is why he put it so compactly.

He knew existence was a ceaseless struggle.

That lucky is the mortal who's inclined

The hard, cold facts confronting him to find.

Some brilliant facet in the lot to find.

Some joy into his weary heart to smuggle.

Some balm of Gilead to his jaded mind.

And though we dance and endless pleasure know.

The soldier must be recompensed tomorrow.

All this knew Marc. Aurelius of Rome.

Who lured it where Tibers' waves are yellow.

For, though a kingly palace was his home.

He was in the most engaging fellow.

Who had a bulging intellect and a soul.

And whose heart with experience was mellow.

And though he was almost as rich as Midas.

His "Thoughts" he wrote to comfort, cheer and guide us.

What we must learn, he tells us, is to wrestle.

And doubtless he is right, since life, we know.

Twixt two eternities is but a trestle.

That sums us up from oblivion below.

Those who against such Pleasure's bosom nestle.

Afraid to meet and fight and conquer woo.

These are the ones who, at the great finale.

Will curse their weakness and bewail their folly.

Ann Is Responsible.

Alas! The worst, which we feared, has come. The problem, "How old is Ann?" which recently devastated this portion of the country, and which is still raging in some regions, has partially destroyed the reason of a bright young man at Waterloo, Ill. To "Just a Minute" he has sent the following communication:

John Shelton an well known farmer near Waterloo whom a pack of wolf's near Dennis Holler had devoured many sheep and sheep captured a large gray wolf in an bear trap the wolf showed great fight when he came near him and he shot him Shelton for some weeks past tried to shoot the wolf, but when he would get within 300 yards with his gun they would smell the powder and would go away as it was far away he could not shoot them when he had no gun they would come within ten yards of him he feared as it was winter and they could not find food as easy they would attack the children so he determined to try to get them in traps. He was paid \$5 bounty from the Illinois state by County Clerk Albert Gassen besides his pit was worth \$2 the wolf measured three feet from tip of nose to his tail and was 14 feet high and was an male wolf and the leader of the wolf's hide in rock caves which Dennis Holler has many and also a very thick forest and are hard to get so there many people have been shot and the county board of Monroe county to also offer additional reward so they would be more hunted by hunters as they increase so fast breed four times an year farmers fear them greatly of here late several hunting parties have been unable even to get an shot at them.

Who can doubt, after reading such "an" story as this, that our bright young friend John Shelton, who has been long-continued lucubration over the problem of Ann's age, so much so that his phrases, like his articles, have become indefinite?

At Fifty Cents a Look.

If you don't like the weather now, Don't grumble or despair, But take a peep six months ahead, For all will then be fair.

The old residence of Gen. William Clark of Clark and Lewis fame, explorer of the great Northwest, discoverer of the Columbia river and for eight years territorial governor of Missouri prior to 1820, is being torn down to make room for another race track in St. Louis. A bas with these old buildings! We hate 'em! We wouldn't have allowed this one to stand so long if we had had the very sophisticated of the villain such as seen in "The Social Highwayman," and better in "Raffles," the dramatization of Mr. Hornung's novel in which Mr. Bellow is now appearing. What would our grandmothers have thought of such a villain as Mr. Bellow presents—the very acme of refined crime? Would they have shuddered? One thing is sure, and that is that the modern audience has no qualms. The sympathy goes straight to the villain. For, as a matter of fact, he is so charming. "When it is recalled that 'he' is scarcely more than a thief, the question regarding the young lady's mind is: Is she neurotic? Not at all. The dramatist is too clever to permit any such accusation. He paints his villain with a man of brilliant color, quite cover him. He draws in psychology and Lombroso-like—suggests an obsession of mind. As a final climax he uses one of the most finished and charming actors on the stage to portray his villain. Add to this a thoroughly interesting story, and there you are—he's so charming." And the worst of it all is, that the remark is perfectly true. If you doubt, just attend one of Mr. Bellow's performances. You won't even be ashamed of exulting at the villain's escape.

"No," it is only a play, you may flatter your conscience, but "lay not this scattering unctious to your soul"—it is something more.

Johnny (after a pause): I'd like to see our schoolhouse burn down.

WHAT BOTHERED HIM

From the Atlanta Constitution.

"One's one thing bothers the 'bout de hereafter," said Brother Williams.

"En what's dat?"

"Dis thing or livin' on milk en honey."

"Don't you like it?"

"No; it always did git me de dyspepsia."

Gleanings in the World of Thought and Action.

HELEN KELLER ON OPTIMISM

In an Essay, Just Published in Book Form by T. Y. Crowell & Co., the Talented Blind, Deaf-Mute Girl Testifies That Life Is Good, and That Faith in the Good Is the Best Philosophy of Life

The following excerpts from Helen Keller's new book will be read with interest, not only because of the physical limitations which her young author has so happily triumphed over, but because of their inherent depth and beauty of expression. The entire book is worthy of careful reading, and will be treasured as a valuable addition to the literature of optimism.

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Most people measure their happiness in terms of physical pleasure and material possession. Could they win some visible goal which they would be loath to lose, how happy they would be! Looking at this gift or that circumstance, they would be miserable. If happiness is to be so measured, I, who cannot hear or see, have every reason to sit in a corner with folded hands and weep. If I am happy in spite of my privations, it is my happiness, so deep that it is a faith, so thoughtful that it becomes a philosophy of life. In short, I am an optimist, my testimony to the creed of optimism is worth hearing. As sinners stand up in meeting and testify to the goodness of God, so one who is called afflicted may rise up in gladness of conviction and testify to the goodness of life.

Once I knew the depth where no hope was, and darkness lay on the face of all things. Then love came and set my soul free. Once I knew only darkness and stillness. Now I know hope and joy. Once I fretted and beat myself against the wall that shut me in. Now I rejoice in the consciousness that I can think, act and attain heaven. My life was without past or future; death, the pessimist would say, "a consummation devoutly to be wished." But a little word from the fingers of another fell into my hand that clutched at emptiness, and my heart leaped to the capture of living. Night fled before the day of thought, and love and joy and hope came up in a passion of obedience to knowledge. Can anyone who has escaped such captivity, who has felt the thrill and glory of freedom, be a pessimist?

I know what evil is. Once or twice I have wrestled with it, and for a time felt its chilling touch on my life; so I speak with knowledge when I say that evil is not knowledge, except as a sort of mental gymnastic. For the very reason that I have come in contact with it, I am more truly an optimist. I can say with conviction that the struggle which evil necessitates is one of the greatest blessings. It makes us strong, patient, helpful men and women. It lets us into the soul of things and teaches us that although the world is full of suffering, it is full also of the overcoming of it. My optimism, then, does not rest on the absence of evil, but on a glad belief in the preponderance of good and a willing effort always to co-operate with the good, that it may prevail. I try to increase the power God has given me to see the best in everything and every one, and make that best a part of my life. The world is sown with good; but unless I turn my glad thoughts into practical living and fill my own field, I cannot reap a kernel of the good.

It is true, America has devoted herself largely to the solution of material problems—breaking the fields, opening mines, irrigating deserts, spanning the continent with railroads; but she is doing these things in a new way, by educating her people, by placing at the service of every man's need every resource of human skill. She is transmuting her industrial wealth into the education of her workmen, so that unskilled people shall have no place in American life, so that all men shall bring mind and soul to the control of matter. Her children are not drudges and slaves. The constitution has declared it, and the spirit of our institutions has confirmed it. The best the land can teach them they are learning. They shall learn that there is no upper class in their country, and no lower, and they shall understand how it is that God and his world are for every body.

When I reflect on all these facts, I can but say:

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. The prophets of the world have been of good heart, or their standard would have stood naked in the field without a defender. Tolstoy's strictures lose power because they are pessimistic. If he had seen clearly the faults of America, and still believed in her capacity to overcome them, our people might have felt the stimulation of his example. But the world turns its back on a hopeless prophet and listens to Emerson who takes into account the best qualities of the nation and attacks only the vices which no one can defend or deny. It listens to the strong man, Lincoln, who in times of doubt, trouble and need does not falter. He sees success afar, and by strenuous hope, by hoping against hope, inspires a nation. Through the night of despair he says, "All is well," and thousands rest in his confidence. When such a man censures, and points to a fault, the nation obeys, and his words sink into the ears of men; but the lamentations of the habitual Jeremiah the ear grows dull.

As I stand in the sunshine of a sincere and earnest optimism, my imagination "paints yet more glorious triumphs on the cloud-curtain of the future." Out of the fierce struggle and turmoil of contending systems and powers I see a brighter or spiritual era slowly emerge—an era in which there shall be no England, no France, no Germany, no America, no this people or that, but one family, the human race; one law, peace; one need, harmony; one means, labor; one taskmaster, God.

THE SOPHISTICATED OF THE VILLAIN.

From the December Current Literature.

The modern dramatist has learned his lesson by ridicule. The deep-dyed villain is relegated to the second-rate theater and one-night-stands company. His presence has become as displeasing as the better stage as it would be in the drawing room of the fashionable auditors. Yet the villain had to remain or the modern drama must go. And so we have reached the refined villain—and have gone a step farther to the very sophistication of the villain such as seen in "The Social Highwayman," and better in "Raffles," the dramatization of Mr. Hornung's novel in which Mr. Bellow is now appearing. What would our grandmothers have thought of such a villain as Mr. Bellow presents—the very acme of refined crime? Would they have shuddered? One thing is sure, and that is that the modern audience has no qualms. The sympathy goes straight to the villain. For, as a matter of fact, he is so charming. "When it is recalled that 'he' is scarcely more than a thief, the question regarding the young lady's mind is: Is she neurotic? Not at all. The dramatist is too clever to permit any such accusation. He paints his villain with a man of brilliant color, quite cover him. He draws in psychology and Lombroso-like—suggests an obsession of mind. As a final climax he uses one of the most finished and charming actors on the stage to portray his villain. Add to this a thoroughly interesting story, and there you are—he's so charming." And the worst of it all is, that the remark is perfectly true. If you doubt, just attend one of Mr. Bellow's performances. You won't even be ashamed of exulting at the villain's escape.

"No," it is only a play, you may flatter your conscience, but "lay not this scattering unctious to your soul"—it is something more.

Johnny (after a pause): I'd like to see our schoolhouse burn down.

MAKE THE WIND WORK

A short illustrated article in the December Cosmopolitan shows what the poorest farmers can accomplish when driven to the last ditch. Home-made windmills constructed of box boards, barrel staves, scrap-iron and odds and ends of discarded threshing machines with a mass of brilliant contrivances about 30 cents, have been made in the prairie states to irrigate farms, pump water for thousands of cattle and sheep, shell corn and relieve the farmer of what used to be the hardest manual labor.

HIS DEAREST WIFE

From the Chicago News.

Mamma, Johnny, do you know what day tomorrow will be?

Johnny: Yes, mamma, my birthday.

Mamma: And what would you like for the occasion?

Johnny (after a pause): I'd like to see our schoolhouse burn down.

SUDDEN DEMORALIZATION

Spectator: You fellows were doing splendidly up to the middle of the last half, and then you went all to pieces, and lost the game. I don't understand it. What rattled you?

Captain (of high school eleven): The boys in the grandstand that were rooting for the other chaps sprung a new yell on us.

THEIR DUE

From the Philadelphia Press.

"It looks as if the people were getting

Intrepid Mr. Verner Is Off to the African Wilderness to Bring Out the Little Pygmies

His Errand Will Take Him Into the Little-Known Jungle Between the Sources of the Nile and Congo Rivers, and if He Succeeds in Bringing to the St. Louis Fair a Colony of the Most Celebrated Little People in the World, the Exhibit Will Be the First of Its Kind in History.

SAMUEL P. VERNER, an American anthropologist and explorer connected with the Tillman Institute at Tuscaloosa, Ala., is en route to the continent of Africa, upon one of the most interesting of all the errands in connection with the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

He will bring the Pygmies. When he returns to St. Louis next spring he will carry in a sack or in some other convenient fashion a colony of 18 of the most wonderful little people in the world. They will be black, brown, pink-colored, and in some instances the color of an old tan shoe.

The male adults will average around 4 feet in height. The adult females will average some two or three inches shorter. They will be recruited from the most celebrated tribe of Pygmies in the world—the historic Akka of the dead center of the African continent.

If Mr. Verner succeeds in bringing them to St. Louis it will be the first time in the history of the world that a colony of the Akka people has ever been brought out of their African fastnesses to be seen by the rest of humankind.

The effort Mr. Verner will make represents what is, perhaps, the most ambitious effort made by Prof. W. J. McGee, who has charge of this feature of the coming fair, to make the ethnic display at St. Louis distinctive and pretentious beyond that of any exposition that has ever been held. A number of such expeditions are to be undertaken. Some of them will go to the South Seas; others will go to Asia, to South and Central America; but the trip to the Pygmies, being the longest and the most important of all, is the first to be started off, as it will be, perhaps, the last to return.

Among the students of humankind the little Pygmies have a nickname. They are known as the "Pygies." This must not lead us to fall into the error of thinking that, inasmuch as they are pigies, it will only be necessary for Mr. Verner to appear on the African shore with a sack of corn, from which he shall scatter the ears into the wilderness, the while calling in lusty western fashion, "Pig ahoy!" as he scoops up the little fellows in a dip net.

So far from that, Mr. Verner must equip an armed force and ascend the great Congo river. He must make his way where only such adventurous spirits as Stanley, Livingstone, Schweinfurth, du Chailu, Emin Pasha and some few others have gone before him. He must get into the very innermost depths of equatorial Africa, for the Akka hide away in a great forest between the sources of the Nile and the Congo rivers, and even with the best of fortune attending his efforts the adventurous agent of the St. Louis Fair cannot more than get in, grab his "Pygies" and return to us by the time Gov. Francis opens the Exposition gate and says to the world, "Walk in!"

O, wonders great and wonders small, How easily we'll skin them all Upon that day when D. R. F. With throbbing heart and heated breath, Shall stand triumphantly to say: "Ah! She's ready, anyway!"

WHAT IS KNOWN OF THE AKKA.

THE AKKA have been known for thousands of years. The Egyptians knew of them and mentioned them on one of the great temple monuments. Homer knew of them and told some very readable old pipe stories about the desperate wars waged between the Pygmies and the great flocks of storks which migrated into the center of Africa when the approaching

LITTLE FACTS ABOUT THE PYGMIES

They are the real dwarfs of the human family. Few of them are taller than four feet. A hungry Akka can eat 65 bananas. They leap around in the grass like grasshoppers. They are courageous, and know how to fight. They are great elephant hunters. They delight to see anything suffer. They are dull brown in color when full-blooded. They are well-built, with big heads and small necks. The husband rules outside the house, and the wife inside. The adults play like children. They have very big stomachs. They were once a big nation in Africa, but have been diminished by wars with their larger neighbors. There is a big colony of them on the Ituri river, and they occupy much of the interior of Africa between the sources of the Nile and Congo rivers. Two Akka have been successfully taken to Europe, and have survived there, but the most of those taken from their native forest have died on the way out. The Akka make excellent servants. They are quick, intelligent and always alert. An Akka looks very singular when seen from the rear. The back is curved in so far that every man of them looks like a graduate from a military school.

winter drove them southward from Europe. It is quite likely that the Pygmies won these battles and that they chased the storks up into Germany, the principal seat of their present abode. Aristotle knew of the Pygmies. In fact, his information concerning them has been proven by modern explorers to have been remarkably accurate. In ancient time and even in the middle ages the impression prevailed in Europe that the Pygmies were an ugly, warlike lot of little hornets who were not to be approached by anything less than one of those formidable armies which Julius Caesar and Alexander loved to lead back and forth across the old world in that day when foot-had not been invented and men did not know of any better safeguard against overpopulation than the prosaic old wars of which we have, thank heaven, no modern need.

Even a century before Aristotle Herodotus knew of the Pygmies and he relates that a party of young Nasamones, setting out to explore the deserts of Libya, were set upon by some of these little people and made captive, some of them finally escaping and returning with wonderful stories of the little men, their villages, numbers, homes, etc.

But it remained for Schweinfurth and Stanley to give the world the first positive knowledge of the strange little race to which the man Verner is going for the St. Louis fair. Schweinfurth lived among them, and Stanley passed through their country and took some of the Akka for servants. He did not succeed in bringing these to Europe, for the Pygmies are like fish out of water when removed from their native forest. They are essentially a shade people, having lived for centuries in the gloom of the great African wood. Stanley's Akka died and died, or something like that, when they were taken into the arid stretches which the explorer traversed after leaving the country near to the Ituri river.

The greater portion of the Akka are little more than four feet in height when full grown. All of the modern explorers who have been among them attest to this. Schweinfurth says the whole number of men average more than four feet, because some of them are as tall as 4 feet 7 inches. Emin Pasha regards this height as the maximum for Pygmy men. Mr. Verner, who is one of the best living authorities on these and similar peoples of the African interior, having visited and studied them upon the outlying districts, expects to find

branches of the Akka tribe whose members are small enough to enable him to show us a colony in which the adult men will not be taller than four feet and the women will range between three feet and 3 feet 6 inches. To say that he expects to find such a branch of the tribe may be explained by the statement that the Pygmies have in many portions of the African interior either wholly or partially lost their racial purity by intermarriage with larger and blacker tribes around them and that is only among isolated branches that the explorer may find them in their original diminutiveness. The Bushmen, for instance, while universally known as Pygmies, are not the real Pygmies of Africa, but are a hybrid race numbering among their ancestors some of the little people whose short stature was known to the ancient Egyptians and to Greece in the days of Herodotus and Homer.

The fullblood Akka's skin has a dull brown tint. The extent to which the tribe has intermarried with the blacker races

about it is said to be easily traced in the Akka complexion. Mr. Verner will doubtless appreciate our interest in this, and will bring us all the tints.

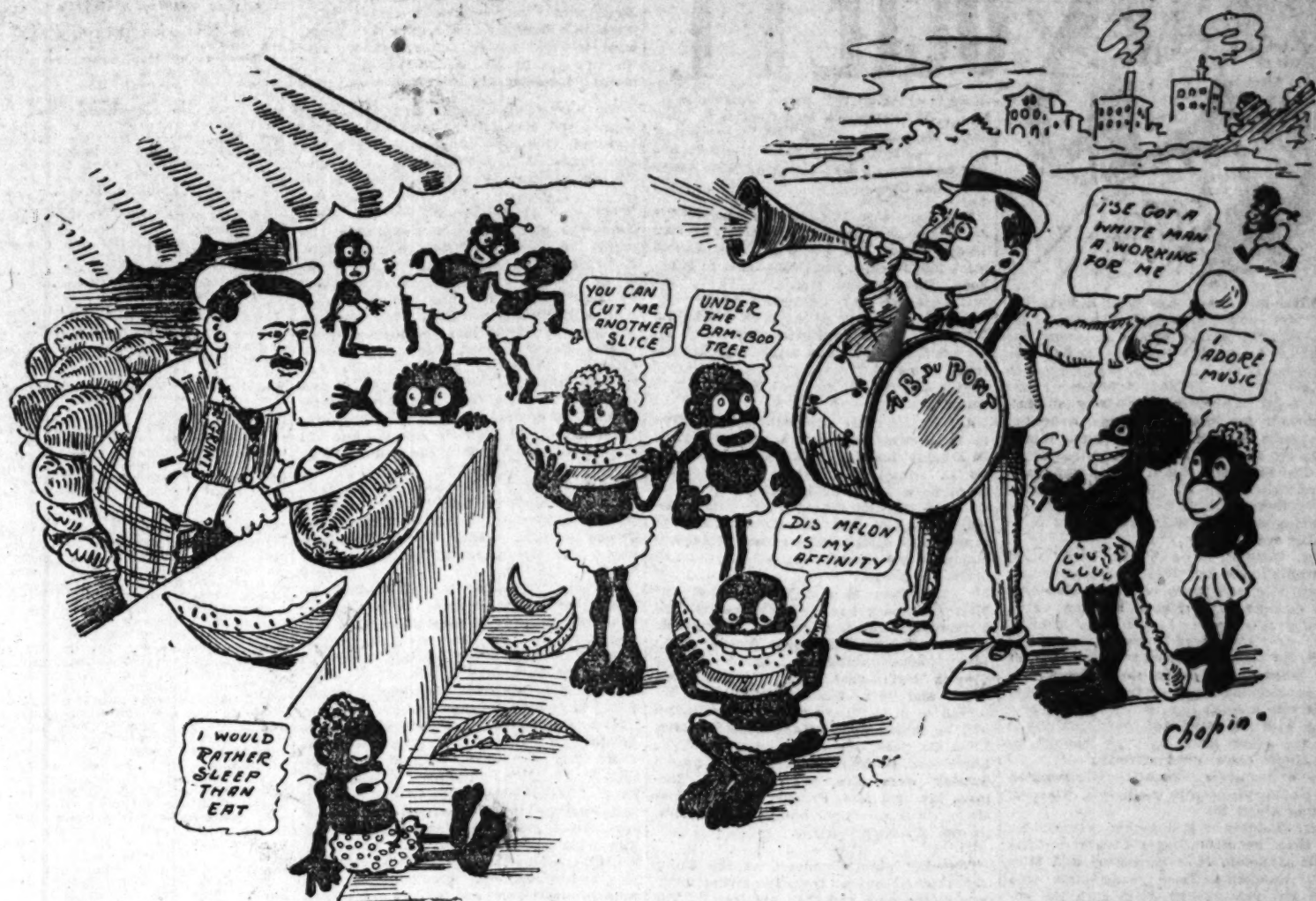
Every explorer who has come into contact with the Pygmies has admired them for the dexterity and fearlessness with which they handle weapons. The little fel-

lows kill elephants and all the other big quadrupeds of the wilderness. They wage war with races much taller than themselves, and are regarded as being, perhaps, the most skilled of all primitive peoples in the art of poisoning arrows. They are said to be alert, cunning, agile and cruel. Schweinfurth goes so far as to say they delight in wickedness. He relates that he had with him a little Akka boy when he was fighting the Abangi tribesmen, and that when he took occasion to boil the heads of some of the slain Abangi, the little Akka danced around the pot, crying "Bakinda!" (a derisive name) "Novat! Bakinda he he koto!" (Where is Bakinda? Bakinda is in the pot!)

Bravo, little man of Akka, (Color same as plug tobacco). Soon to leave thy wood and lake, Leaving home for our sake, What a motorman you'd make!

PERSONNEL OF THE COLONY.

MR. VERNER has received very explicit instructions as to the personnel of the Pygmy colony which he shall bring out of the African jungle. It is to number 18 persons. One of these is to be a Pygmy patriarch or chief. It will be quite essential that we have this chief. The St. Louis police don't speak the Akka tongue, and when the little "Pygies" get off their little reservation out at the fair grounds and decide to kill a few Filipinos, it will be necessary to send after them the voice of someone they will obey. A first-class old Akka patriarch, dried down to about 40 pounds and having his head covered with kinks of the whiteness of driven snow, is what the fair people want.



The St. Louis Transit Company Will Welcome the Pygmies to the City With Music and Watermelons. It Will Be Possible to Pack So Many of Them in a Street Car That the Little Fuzzy-Wuzzies Will Be Hot Favorites With the Transit Company.

Additional Mr. Verner is instructed to bring the patriarch's wife if possible. In addition to being interesting as a grand-motherly old soul out of the heart of Africa, she will combine with her husband in affording the fair at least one royal pair, even though we get regrets from all the other royalty on earth.

The colony must also include an adult man and his son and an adult woman and her daughter. This woman may be either the wife of the man or his daughter. The motive in this is not domestic, but ethnic. There must be one unmarried youth and one unmarried girl, two women with infants and four job lot Pygmies; or, that is, good types of all ages and both sexes.

Mr. Verner is also to bring a complete exhibit of all that pertains to the life of the Pygmy race. This exhibit will include types of the most primitive and most modern houses in which they live; their household utensils, weapons, agricultural implements, woven fabrics, earthenware, wood and stone apparatus for making fire, their basketry, fishing tackle, their method of skinning animals, etc.

Mr. Verner will bring to us Pygmy musicians and the primitive instruments with which this strange people worship Apollo. He will show us their rude blacksmithing, their working in metals, their cooking of native foods, their religious emblems and ceremonial objects, and photographs of their villages, flocks, military bodies, hunting parties, etc.

It may be readily seen that if Prof. McGee is to be successful in securing what he wants from the Pygmy country, this single exhibit will make the St. Louis Fair of distinctive importance to ethnology. While some half dozen Pygmies in all have been brought to Europe from time to time in

all the period covered by history, there has never been a Pygmy in America, nor has the world ever seen anything like the colony which St. Louis will have if all goes well with Mr. Verner.

The journey into the African interior is necessarily one of extreme danger, and the leader must, perforce, be a strong and resourceful man. He must not only be the managing and military head of his party, but he must be also its diplomat. No one has ever gone to the Pygmies with the proposition Mr. Verner will make to them. He wants them to come out of their country into a part of the world of which they have never heard. It may be possible to grab what he wants and run with it, as some other explorers have done in carrying off those Akka who have been seen in Europe; but Mr. Verner naturally wants to do nothing of the sort, and if he succeeds in his hopes he will induce the little men of the big wood to come with him, promising them riches, as riches go among primitives, and offering them such sights as no Pygmy has ever turned his lustrous little eyes upon from the day Ham strode into the jungle and peeped it with a people who remain today the least known of all the races of earth, though Egypt and Greece knew and forgot them before America was discovered.

The coming of the Pygmies is going to be interesting. We may in the future see them in St. Louis now-fierce little fellows, strutting up and down Broadway with chips on their shoulders, and now and then chasing into a department store one of our valiant giants of the metropolitan police. Judging by what the explorers say of them, Mr. Verner's first official act upon reaching St. Louis will have to be to throw a blanket over his exhibit and rush it into a clothing store.

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This Muscular Missouri Minister Argues the Propriety of Dancing With His Fists.

Rev. Howard L. Davis Preached a Strong Sermon to Which Editor Walter Bales Took Great Exception

SPECIAL TO THE POST-DISPATCH. HARDIN, Mo., Dec. 5.—Muscular Christianity, as exemplified by the Rev. Howard L. Davis, pastor of the Hardin Methodist Church, has torn the population of this village, if not the entire county of Ray, into "pro" and "con" factions anent the subject of dancing.

Mr. Davis loathes dancing. He brands it as "a spur to lust." In a recent sermon he described the devotees of the dance as worse than ungodly. He used the word "licentious" in speaking about them.

Walter L. Bales, editor of the Hardin News, sees no harm in dancing. He told Rev. Mr. Davis so, after hearing the latter's sermon.

The conversation occurred on the main street of the village. Editor Bales asked the minister the pointed question: "Do you believe that all persons who participate in the dance are licentious?" To the amazement of Editor Bales, whose wife shares his views on dancing, the Rev. Howard L. Davis answered: "Yes."

That was a few weeks ago, but the answer has become historic throughout Hardin and Ray County.

When the answer was emitted from the lips of the minister, Editor Bales did not rush to his stables, prepare an editorial spit on which to toast his critic of the cloth, and issue a special edition for every man, woman and child in Hardin to read. No, indeed. Editor Bales, boiling with indignation at the severe denunciation of a class of persons to which his wife belongs, promptly called Rev. Mr. Davis a liar.

War was instantly declared. The minister pitched into the dancing writer with his fists and when the battle was over, Rev. Mr. Davis stood alone on the sidewalk, the editor having been routed.

Since then Rev. Howard L. Davis has maintained the same position in regard to dancing both from the pulpit and in private conversation. Among the straight-faced citizens of Hardin he has found men and women who have patting him on the back for so boldly supporting his views.

On the other hand Editor Bales is by no means lacking in champions. Fathers and mothers of Hardin's fairest daughters are with him. Great is their indignation against the preacher for his comments on the pastime in which the afore-said fairest daughters indulge. In the columns of the Hardin News and to those with whom he converses the fighting editor reiterates his



WHY MR. DAVIS CONDEMNS DANCING.

BY REV. HOWARD L. DAVIS.

Here is my opinion of dancing: It is undignified, silly, frivolous and vulgar (especially the waltz). It is un-Christian and shows a weakness on the part of a civilized people. As a minister of the gospel of 15 years' experience I find that the effect of the dance on those who engage in it is very detrimental. They are never spiritual, seldom attend church services, especially the Sunday morning and prayer-meeting and communion services; they will not pray nor testify in public; they give meagrely of their means to the church; they have but little influence among church people and a still poorer one with outsiders; they never die well and the preacher is always embarrassed for something to say at their funerals, when the burial obsequies are over there lingers the silent regret that the life just closed had that special defect.

Again, any question or practice that all the churches condemn, from Catholics to heathen Mohammedans, must be wrong; for it is the business of the church universal to find out what is right and wrong for the people to do; and, as the consensus of opinion of all churches and good people is against the dance (especially the round dance which is so popular) I am compelled to believe it is wrong. The Bible condemns "revelings and banquetings" and dancing comes under that list of sins.

There is a sting in the dance that sends death to the Christian; and the sinner who continues to dance never becomes a Christian. The dance has an unsavory record; and, my opinion is, when it has finished its career the world at large will write for its epitaph: "Here lies a spur to lust."

WHY EDITOR BALES FAVORS DANCING.

BY WALTER L. BALES.

Being what I am pleased to term a "consistent Christian," and a person of Democratic ideas as to "equal rights to all," I do not hesitate to give my personal views on the subject of "Dancing."

Dancing has been popular with all classes of people since the beginning of the world, the Lord having given mankind the prerogative of exercising his emotions in accordance with the surrounding conditions, viz., Eccl. 3, 1-4: "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. A time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance." If the Bible does not tell us what evil is, I am as apt to be right as anyone in what I do or say.

Ministers and others who never indulged in this one worldly pleasure, have some very biased presumptions of what constitutes the pleasures of the dance. Many imaginary stories are related in the pulpit regarding "the sinfulness of the dance," but I have yet to have brought to my notice a young lady or young gentleman whose degradation was caused directly or indirectly by dancing. My thoughts and intentions while doing a dance with a young lady have always been of the purest strain. The dance was not attacked in the days of John the Baptist, nor in the days of Peter and Paul. Then why should the ministers of today assume such a presumptuous aspect when they have no precedent in the annals of the apostolic religion?

Never do we find dancing spoken of disrespectfully in the Bible, and we challenge any minister to prove a contradiction. The Bible always speaks of dancing as a mark of rejoicing. There are evil persons in all walks of life, but "the pure all things are pure."

Then say I to the clergy and others, fight the greatest evil to which the Bible directs you, and handle the lesser ones in their twin, not forgetting to accord to each individual an opinion and the right to act for themselves, when the Lord speaketh not.

views that dancing is a harmless pastime. In his sermon Rev. Mr. Davis referred to "a young married woman." It seems that the editor's wife was the only young married woman in Hardin who regularly attended the dances which editor Bales called "the sinfulness of the dance." The editor's wife was the only young married woman in Hardin who regularly attended the dances which editor Bales called "the sinfulness of the dance."

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HAIR CUT OFF AT HOSPITAL

**Auburn Hair Fell to His Shoulders
and Gave Him Great Dis-
tinction, He Says**

Lewis C. Schlader, 71 years old, an inmate of the City Hospital, is a modern Samson short of his locks. The hospital proved his Delilah.

With Samson's locks went only his strength; with Schlader's went the pride of his long life, the admiration of women and the most apparent part of his professional equipment as a musician and singer. Schlader blames his loss to man's inhumanity. The hospital authorities quote hygienic reasons.

When Schlader arrived at the hospital Friday night, suffering from a severe cold, he wore hair that hung down over his shoulders in long, curly, auburn locks. There was not a streak of gray in them, although they had seen 71 years of service.

"What did they do to me?" says Schlader. "They gave me a bath. That was all right.

But all the time they twisted me about my hair. I put them back, though, in their own kind. I've got more sarcasm in one minute than they've got in ten years.

"From the bath they led me to a barber. I rebelled, but it was no use. I told the man if I had a gun I'd shoot him. He cut my hair off close to my head—the hair I've cared for 71 years, and they burned it.

"Don't talk to me about humanity. There is none. You see 'Humanity Society' in big gold letters on a window, but did you ever see the society? Inhumanity is the cause of all our woe. It's the cause of mine. I've lost my hair and for no reason.

"It was beautiful hair. Many a woman has admired it. It has gained me a hearing as a musician and a singer. It has kept me warm. It was long, fine and wavy, a sign of blue blood. I come of good stock down in old Kentucky.

**Nurse Combed It and
Called It Beautiful**

"They cut it all off just because I'm an old man and it was a little longer than they're used to. They don't cut off every man's hair close to his head. Have they a rule which says a man's hair shall only be just so long? I never heard of it. I've been in hospitals before and they did not harm my hair. When I had typhoid fever in Winston the nurse combed my hair every day, even when I lay unconscious for a month. She called it beautiful. But here in St. Louis they cut it off.

"Wait 'til I get to Louisville. I'll never come back here again. I have ambition. But you can't kill me. I have ambition. That's why I'm still going at the age of 71. Ambition does it. I'll do it again.

"And let me tell you I know something that will help that hair. It won't take it 71 years more to grow out again."

Schlader walked from his old home in the mountains of Boone County, Kentucky, where years ago he made moonshine whiskey and gave music lessons every night. "Have I studied music?" he says. "I should say I have and many other things, too. I know medicine as well as these doctors and I'm a scholar. I graduated from Harvard in the class of '56. My father was

wealthy then, but the government confiscated our lands and negroes because we wouldn't surrender. Father, my four brothers and I fought in the Confederate army. I lost this eye in a cavalry charge at Gettysburg.

Schlader is slender, and stooped with age. His face is thin and sensitive. A prominent Roman nose, strong but delicate, bears out his story of good blood. His one eye is keen and restless. With nervous energy he rows his 90-pound body in good for many years' service yet.

He refuses to go to bed in the hospital, but sits all day by the steam pipes and strokes his close-shaven head. Friday night he lay awake hours, cursing the man who had cut his locks.

Primary Work to Be Discussed

An interesting meeting had been arranged for Monday evening in the Third Baptist Church. This is to be the second of a number of meetings to be held by the Sunday School Convention of the St. Louis Baptist Association. Primary work will be discussed under the leadership of Mrs. J. H. Guggitt, superintendent of the primary department of the Third Baptist Church. Misses Conner of the Washington University and Miss Mary McCollough, superintendent of the public school kindergarten, will also read papers.

Concert at Liederkranz

The Ladies Aid Society of the Church of Our Redeemer will give a concert at Liederkranz hall Thursday night. The soloists will be Miss Adele Stamm, Camille D. Becker, Miss Edna C. Cunningham, Miss Garfield Miller, William Oberkircher, Mrs. Charles G. Bang and George C. Voss. The Paragon quartet, composed of B. J. Blumker, Joseph Sale, Charles E. Blume and A. E. Posa, will sing.

Blind Girls' Home Bazar

The Blind Girls' Home will hold its annual bazar, day and evening, Tuesday, Dec. 8, and the day of Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the home, 1015 N. 10th St. Refreshments will be on sale.

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR SWEET-VOICED CHILD



A testimonial concert to Miss Violet Harris is being arranged by a number of South Side women. It will be given at Muth's Hall next Monday evening. In anticipation of Miss Harris' departure for the East to complete her studies for a professional career.

The young singer will be assisted by Miss Marie Glover, Henry Harris and the Haele Quartet.

Miss Harris has earned a name in musical circles. She is a petite, sweet-voiced child of 16 and appears to be but 12.

Miss Glover will give readings from several plays.

room. A large and enthusiastic audience was present. "Italian Folk Music" was the subject of the meeting and a very interesting paper on that subject was read by Mrs. Harry G. Wyer. The second number on the program was an instrumental selection rendered by Mrs. Ewald and Mrs. Jacob Ricker. Mrs. Harry and Miss Chandler, Mrs. Ballman sang several charming Italian songs, which were followed by a piano duet by Mrs. Ricker and Miss Chandler, entitled "Tarantella." Mrs. Wyer then favored the club with a solo entitled "Gondoliera," by Libet. Miss Hazel Allen played a charming piano solo by Hindley entitled "Rustle of Spring."

and at the conclusion of the concert Mrs. Charles King and Mrs. Ricker rendered Heller's "Tarantella."

\$15, Oklahoma and back, via M. K. & T. Ry., Dec. 8.

Olcott Club Entertainment.

Olcott Dramatic Club, consisting of members of St. Leo's Lyceum, have arranged to give an entertainment and dance at the Northwestern hall, St. Louis and Elm avenues, Dec. 12. The club will present "A Ticket for Leava Man," and the one-act farce, "The Irish Tiger." This will be the first entertainment given under the management of the Olcott Dramatic Club, which has just recently been organized. The members of the Olcott club have presented plays under the auspices of St. Leo's Lyceum.

Those in the cast are: Messrs. Sam Halley, William Glynn, Frank Bergin, John Gibbons, Harry Flood, Joe Junod, Martin Flynn, Vincent Ryan, Tom Grady, William Gordon, Frank Jutz, John McGuire.

Misses Alice Antram, Florence Mulcahy, Annie Gallagher, Mamie Hough.

Nellie Stead, Hope Kinselman, Edna Delahunt, Edie Riche, Mamie Antram.

Annual Christmas Bazar

St. Mary's Guild of the Church of the Advent, Emmet and Chouteau avenues, Page Avenue Heights, will hold its annual Christmas bazar on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m. A number of handsome and useful articles have been donated by members of the guild and merchants and others, which will be sold for the benefit of the guild. Lunch will be served.

Old Students in Reunion

The pupils of the Divoll and St. Louis High Schools having attended during the years 1885, '86, '87 and '88, will give a reunion Friday evening, Dec. 12, at 8 o'clock, at Cabanne Arcade Hall. Dancing and refreshments will be features of the evening.

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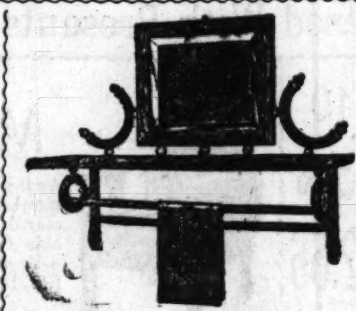
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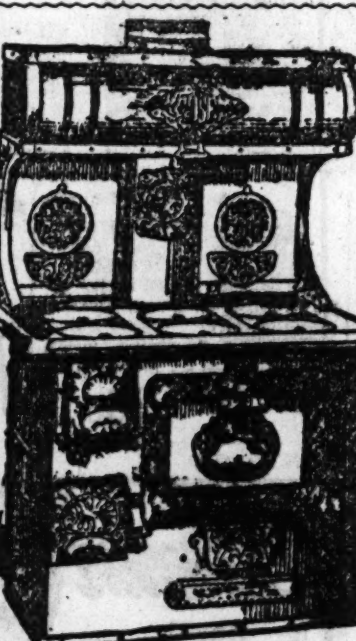
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WEEKLY REVIEW OF DOINGS IN FINANCIAL AND COMMERCE

MARKS \$1,162,000

These Figures Were the Most Interesting Feature of New York Bank Statement

SIGN OF REVIVED SPECULATION

The Process of Readjustment Seems to Be Making Way Without Disturbing Influences

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The Evening Post in its Wall Street Review today says: Increase in loans as reported by today's bank return, was the interesting part of the statement. This is the first increase since October, during the intervening period at \$30,000,000 loan reduction has been injected; now the account expands again. It would be reasonable to suppose that this week's \$1,162,000 increase is a consequence of the revived speculation of the stock exchange.

But conjecture is usually wanted on these returns, except as regards a prolonged movement in one or another direction. In the matter of cash holdings, the bank return, with its \$117,000,000 increase, is better than the estimate, exactly on last week's return. It is a striking fact in the situation, however, how slow the European gold has been in helping New York's reserves. In the three weeks \$4,000,000 of this gold has reached New York. In the same period, cash holdings of the associated banks have increased only \$1,300,000.

Prices were somewhat unsettled on the stock exchange today and, as might have been looked for on Saturday, a week of advancing prices, the market yielded fractionally. This is the familiar experience after every recovery of the kind in which some being obvious when the mixed nature of the week's buying is concerned. At some points, in a rise of prices, where "covering of shorts" has been a leading influence, it will turn out that the market have already bought back all their stock, or at that they think the occasion calls for it. At that point, the market will be bought at the lower level and do not care to keep the stock.

The week ended with little news of real importance. Attention may probably be called, in view of the controversy over trade conditions, to the fact that while the country's November bank clearings, as a whole, show a decrease of 1.5 per cent, 1932, clearings outside of New York City do not decrease at all. Throughout the land sections, where totals are liberally increased. It will also be observed that cotton deliveries at interior markets are as summed up for the week, are actually \$5,000,000 above the same week last year, a gain of 17 per cent.

One thing is clearly signified by this week's agreeable change, not only in stock exchange prices, but in the clearing of the financial community. It is that the spirit of pessimism had carried people's expectations too far. It is not without meaning that the gloom of the past eight weeks should have been most intense in New York City, while interior markets, as a rule, listened to the prophetic of disaster with a puzzled incredulity.

The East had begun to talk of a financial crash; the West, on the other hand, by that nothing whatever was the matter. Both were wrong; or to speak more exactly, the East was right and the West was wrong. We have no general wreck of capital before us; but we have a process of readjustment, which, luckily, is already in large measure completed. The market is not signs that all the past season's reaction was needless and artificial, but the producer and consumer, borrower and lender, have reached or are approaching a state of equilibrium.

To suppose that all the consequences of the financial bubble-blowing of the last few years have now been exhausted would be taking a good deal for granted; but our present financial situation is solid ground. We know where we are, and what we have to do; and that we certainly did not do a month ago.

SHOOTING OF THE WIFE, DAUGHTER AND SELF
Tragedy at the Home of P. M. Norther in Southeast Missouri

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
CARTHURVILLE, Mo., Dec. 5.—P. M. Norther, a farmer, living at Canby Switch, five miles south of here, shot his wife and daughter and himself. His wife and 15-year-old daughter, though shot seriously, will live.

Norther is dead.
Mrs. Kate Norther had been separated from her husband about two months. She left her four children and moved to a new home in Canby Switch. She was shot yesterday evening one of the little girls saw her father approaching the cabin, and informed her mother. "I thought there would be trouble," said the wounded woman this morning as she told the story of the tragedy. "As soon as he entered the door, he said, 'he began to fire.'"

This morning letter was found. It was a brief farewell to his family. He said he had stood all the trouble he could stand, and that he wanted to go to his children.

NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Reported daily for the Post-Dispatch by D. B. Francis, Inc., 215 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

STOCKS.		Sales.	Open	High	Low	Close
Am. Car and Fdry.	300	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 3/4	19 1/2	19 3/4
Am. Oil	200	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
Am. Ice Co.	200	7 1/2	15	15 1/4	14 3/4	15 1/4
Am. Locomotive	200	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
Am. Sugar	200	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
Am. Baker	1,000	123 1/2	123 1/2	124 1/2	123 1/2	124 1/2
Am. Cotton	200	123 1/2	123 1/2	124 1/2	123 1/2	124 1/2
C. I.	400	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
C. J.	200	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
Cont. Tob. 48	100	57 1/2	58	57 1/2	57 1/2	58
do pf'd	100	57 1/2	58	57 1/2	57 1/2	58
Cont. pf'd com.	110	18	18	18	18	18
Cont. pf'd	100	58	58	58	58	58
do pf'd	100	58	58	58	58	58
Northern Securities	1,200	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
Premier Steel	200	27	27	27	27	27
Rep. I. & Steel pf'd.	1,100	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
U. S. Leather com.	200	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
U. S. Realty	100	46	46	46	46	46
do pf'd	11	12	12	12	12	12
do pf'd	45,800	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
Western Union	800	88	88	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
Atch. com.	12,800	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
B. & O.	6,500	78	78	78	78	78
B. & O. com.	41,000	118 1/2	118 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	118 1/2
Can. Pac.	1,000	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
C. & A. com.	1,000	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
C. do pf'd	200	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
C. & G. W.	1,100	158 1/2	158 1/2	158 1/2	158 1/2	158 1/2
C. & G. W. com.	9,000	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
C. C. & St. L.	200	14	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4
Colo. Bon. 2d	100	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
do pf'd	100	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
E. & G. pf'd.	89	89	89	89	89	89
Erle com.	8,100	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Ill. Cent.	400	130	130	130	130	130
Ill. Cent. com.	400	130	130	130	130	130
Manhattan	1,100	141 1/4	141 1/4	140 1/4	140 1/4	141 1/4
Manhattan com.	1,100	141 1/4	141 1/4	140 1/4	140 1/4	141 1/4
do Sacs.	2,000	90 1/4	91 1/4	90 1/4	90 1/4	91 1/4
Mex. Cent.	1,200	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
do pf'd	500	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Mt. P. com.	200	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
N. Y. Cent. com.	2,000	118 1/2	118 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	118 1/2
N. Y. com.	2,000	118 1/2	118 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	118 1/2
N. W. com.	46,700	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
Reading com.	1,600	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
Rio Island	19,800	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4
do pf'd	200	61 1/4	61 1/4	61 1/4	61 1/4	61 1/4
St. L. & S. W. 2d.	800	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
St. L. & S. W. 1st.	800	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
So. Ry.	2,000	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Tex. Pac.	3,000	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
do pf'd	3,000	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
do pf'd	16,700	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Wab. com.	400	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
do pf'd	300	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
W. A. L. com.	100	60	60	60	60	60
do deb. 5c.	100	60	60	60	60	60
W. A. L. 2c.	500	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Wis. Cent. com.	500	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Total sales	\$48,000 shares					

SIMPLE ADDITION
PROBLEM ANSWEREDSt. Louis Children Have Puzzled Since
Wednesday Over a Puzzle
in Figures.

We promised to print the answer today. The temptation not to tell is strong, for when you puzzle a lot of bright people and hear their ingenious but mistaken answers to your problem it is so much fun you naturally want to keep it going. However, we promised and so must give the answer. Here it is:

2 Pounds.
7 Color Sections.
20 Color Pages.
120 News and Picture Pages.
1,000 Columns.
376,000 Words.

5 Cents.
That is what all those pounds, color sections, color pages, news and color pages, columns and words amount to. You pay a boy 5 cents next Sunday and he will give you all those pages, words and pictures and weight.

Of course, you knew that next Sunday is Post-Dispatch day, that then we celebrate our 25th birthday by issuing the largest, most valuable, most beautiful and most interesting newspaper ever seen in this territory. This newspaper will cost us over 12 cents for every copy issued and yet the retail price will be just the same as every other Sunday—5 cents. We are following the European custom of giving gifts on our birthday, you will be a recipient.

Some of the boys and girls who have tried to solve the problem which was first printed in this newspaper last Wednesday have guessed right. Their answers have been printed or are being printed now. All the solutions offered could not be printed, as too much space would be needed, but sections have been given and here are some more:

Editor Post-Dispatch:
Here is the correct answer to the example in addition published in your paper. The answer is 50, nothing more or less than the sum for which you can purchase 2 pounds, 7 color sections, 20 color pages, 120 news and picture pages, 1,000 columns, and 376,000 words.
Yours,
G. O. R.

Editor Post-Dispatch:
In answer to your mathematical problem published in your issue of the 1st inst., I would consider the correct answer to be 50. Y. CHALK,
3120A Shenandoah av.

Editor Post-Dispatch:
In regard to the following problem:
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120 news and picture pages.
1,000 columns.
376,000 words.
I guess that the answer is "The Christmas Post-Dispatch."
GEORGE E. SMITH,
4020 Forest Park boulevard.

Editor Post-Dispatch:
I noticed a place in the paper of simple addition you want to solve. The answer to:
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7 color sections.
20 color pages.
120 news and picture pages.
1,000 columns.
376,000 words.
The answer is the anniversary number of the Post-Dispatch, Dec. 6, 1903. I am 14 years old. My address is 2725 Howard street.

Editor Post-Dispatch:
My answer to the problem in addition is—
250 1,301,000 376,000.
MAY WHITTAKER.

Dear Editor:
I am a little girl, 10 years old, and I go to the John Marshall School. I think I can solve your problem. I am in the 4th grade. Two pounds, the weight of the paper; 7 color sections, the number of color sheets; 20 color pages, the number of color pages; 120 news and picture pages, advertisements and pictures of news, and the 376,000 words, the words the paper contains. I am,
EDITH M'GOWNEY,
1300 Evans avenue.

Editor Post-Dispatch:
I will send you an answer to the problem the way I see it. W. H. D. JR.,
4471A Evans avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

Editor Post-Dispatch:
The answer to your problem is: The paper printed when the Post-Dispatch is 25 years old will weigh two pounds, have 7 color sections, 20 color pages, 120 news and picture pages, 1,000 columns and will have 376,000 words. Hoping my answer is correct,
NELLIE SAMPSON,
2100 North Broadway.

Editor Post-Dispatch:
I have taken notice in some of your evening papers as to the problem to be solved, and here is your answer, which will come out in weight of 4 pounds.
Y. R. R.
From a boy 12 years of age.

Editor Post-Dispatch:
There is no answer to that problem because you cannot add word, pictures and news all together; you have to have all the same. Yours truly,
MAMIE O'NEILL,
1000 Led's street.

I did not ask my teacher or any one.

Editor Post-Dispatch:
Below is given my answer to your example of simple addition. You may well say "Every body will say," why, certainly, I knew it all the time. It is a cinch.
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Christmas number of Post-Dispatch.
THOS. HUNTER, 2747 Morgan street.

Editor Post-Dispatch:
I think the answer to your problem is 277.
ROBERT EASTON,
2748 Russell avenue.

Editor Post-Dispatch:
It is evident that the correct answer to the attached problem is "One copy of the Post-Dispatch Anniversary Edition."
H. SPANGLER.

Editor Post-Dispatch:
[Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, Today, Today, Today]
The answer to the problem in addition in your paper is: The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Dec. 12, 1903.
BARNETT KELLEY,
Marion, Ill.

Editor Post-Dispatch:
I claim the answer to your problem is as follows:
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376,000 words.

Answer—5 cents Sunday morning.
FLORENCE SCHWARTZ,
1006 Allen avenue.

Editor Post-Dispatch:
The answer to your problem in addition of:
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20 color pages.
120 news and picture pages.
1,000 columns.
376,000 words.
is 5 cents, I am 13 years of age.
IRVING S. SCHWARTZ,
3021 St. Vincent avenue.

Editor Post-Dispatch:
I will say that the answer to your problem:
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is "The Christmas Post-Dispatch," Respectfully,
R. M. TRIMBLE,
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Dr. MacGregor Tells of the Epidemic—Mexican Ignorance Makes the Disease Worse, as the Natives Refuse to Be Treated

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 5.—For more than three months the southern Mexico and the border town of Laredo, Tex., as well as many other contiguous cities throughout the state, have been in the throes of a severe epidemic of yellow fever, and notwithstanding the heroic efforts of the physicians of the United States public health and Marine Hospital service, as well as the state health department physicians and the many volunteer physicians who are diligently working to stamp out the scourge, the fever still continues unabated, claiming many victims.

The fever first made its appearance at the United States border, by being introduced by refugees from Linares, Mexico, who in some manner had succeeded in passing the quarantine and gained admission to Laredo.

The fever at Linares has claimed hundreds of victims, and, in fact, trustworthy reports state that as a result of the fever the town is nearly depopulated, those not having suffered from the disease leaving for other parts.

That the disease has claimed thousands of victims throughout the Republic of Mexico during the present year is a foregone conclusion. Every town along the line of the National Railroad of Mexico between Laredo, Tex., and Saltillo, Mexico, and on the line of the Mexican Central railroad between Monterey and Pamplico and on the branch between Monterey and Victoria has contributed many deaths, enough to run the total up to many thousands.

Mexico's Laz

Quarantine

Dr. H. D. Murray, a yellow fever expert, who enjoys an international reputation, recently returned from a trip of investigation into Mexico, and made the statement that Monterey alone had had more than 35,000 cases of yellow fever, conservatively estimated.

That the disease should be allowed to reach the border is attributable to the lax quarantine measures which are maintained by the Mexican authorities. Some of their quarantines do not even merit the name, it being so easy for one to proceed from an infected point to an inland city, where the disease is practically unknown.

Then, too, since the adoption of the theory that the mosquito is the only means of spreading the disease the Mexican people have not kept abreast of the times and as a result no precaution is taken to prevent the spread of the disease by isolating patients.

The Mexican people, in their ignorance, imagine that the time methods of treating the yellow fever epidemics are to lay in vogue—viz., that of poisoning those who are so unfortunate as to contract the disease in order to kill them and thus stamp out the epidemic.

A prominent Mexican physician, in discussing the unreasonable attitude assumed by the ignorant classes toward the physicians, said: "There is a belief among the people that the doctors have been ordered to kill the ill. This is absurd and is the greatest proof of their ignorance. The poor give the physicians enough to do during their lifetime, only paying with gratitude, and it never occurs to them that the doctor is the poisoner of their children, but if an epidemic takes place such as that which now exists in northern Mexico, and an evilly inclined person speculates in their ignorance and says, 'The doctors are ordered to kill,' then farewell to gratitude and good judgment."

A resume of the yellow fever situation in northern Mexico would seem to indicate that between 6,000 and 7,000 cases have prevailed this year, with the death rate placed conservatively at 10 per cent.

The following table will give an idea of the number of cases prevailing at various points in the Republic of Mexico:

City	Cases	Deaths
Saltillo	1,000	100
Linares	12,000	1,200
Monterey	35,000	3,500
Veracruz	1,000	100
Yapac	2,500	250
Columbia	1,000	100
Saltillo	400	40
Saltillo	400	40
Nuevo Laredo	300	30

Saltillo, Mexico, is at a very high altitude, and the disease does not develop there, but those who contracted the disease in Monterey and went to that place almost invariably died.

It is, of course, utterly impossible to get official figures of the ravages of the disease in Mexico, but the above table, making a liberal allowance for the cases of yellow fever and deaths which have occurred at hundreds of other points throughout the Republic of Mexico, justifies a conservative estimate of between 6,000 and 7,000 cases all told during the present epidemic.

In the city of Laredo at present is centered a large number of the most eminent yellow fever experts in the world. Dr. W. W. MacGregor, who is temporarily attached to the United States public health and Marine Hospital service during the present epidemic, gives the following resume of conditions in this city:

"The epidemic first made its appearance in Nuevo Laredo. At first it was not recognized as yellow fever. Soon after, however, the increase at Tampico and from there spreading to Victoria and Linares, Monterey, called attention to the possibility of its being carried here. The facility of railroad communication would make it no difficult matter for its transmission to the United States.

pital service sent a corps of experts to assist our city with their experience and previous knowledge of the epidemic. Thanks to their efforts, assisted as they were by the state board of health and a kind Providence, we are thankful to say that the fever has reached the point where we can safely predict that the end is not far off."

GROVER CLEVELAND

Mr. Cleveland has lived in the time of more administrations than any one who has ever been President. He was born in 1837. In that year Martin Van Buren was inaugurated President, consequently Mr. Cleveland has lived in the administrations of Van Buren, the short term of William

Henry Harrison and the remainder of the term to which Taylor succeeded; also in the administrations of Polk, Taylor, Fillmore, Pierce, Buchanan, Lincoln, Johnson, two terms of Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Benjamin Harrison, McKinley and thus far in the administration of Roosevelt—all in all, including his own 20.

Mr. Cleveland has not only lived in the administrations mentioned, but he has lived to see six vice-presidents succeed to the Presidency, three of them, Johnson, Arthur and Roosevelt, coming to the White House through the assassination of their predecessors. The others were Van Buren, Tyler and Fillmore.

The fact that Mr. Cleveland is the only President who succeeded himself four years after his first administration is well known, and is to be added to the other unusual things about his political life.

ONE MAYOR TRIES ANOTHER

AKRON, O., Dec. 5.—Mayor Alonso Weed of Amosville, who was elected for a joke and who is touring the country for his health, was before Mayor Kempel this morning on the charge of intoxication. He came into a restaurant here last night, wet from head to foot and said that he had been held up of the township by two men, robbed and thrown into the canal. An officer came along and Mayor Weed had his first automobile ride in the auto police patrol. Weed was on his dignity when he was given a hearing before Mayor Kempel. Speaking of his election as mayor of Amosville, he said: "I didn't ask the people down there to elect me. I never solicited a vote. But the people seemed to want me, and they elected me. The office was too costly. The town never has any prisoners but drinks a decent living. I have left the town for good. It was funny, though, to see the way I turned the joke on my constituents. They appeared to Gov. Nash to oust me, but the governor thought if they wanted a joke so bad he would let them have it. Anyway," drawing himself to full height, "even the governor cannot oust me. I am mayor of Amosville, and will be mayor until another election is held. From here I am going to Cleveland, if the mayor doesn't send me to the workhouse, and I don't believe he will, for mayors are usually very courteous to one another."

"You are discharged," said Mayor Kempel, smiling, and Mayor Weed strutted proudly out of the courtroom.

A TYPICAL SHERLOCK HOLMES.

New Head of London Police Is a "Regular William Gillette."

Special Cable to the Post-Dispatch.

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LONDON, Dec. 5.—Among his closest associates Edward Richard Henry, C. S. I., London's new commissioner of police, has the reputation of greatly resembling Sherlock Holmes in his detective methods.

Certainly Mr. Henry has crowded much good police work into his 32 years.

As the initials after his name, "Companion Star of India," prove he has had Indian experience. He went to India 10 years ago and was made inspector-general of police in Bengal in 1901. There he gathered his unique knowledge of the finger-print system of identifying criminals, a knowledge highly disapproved by "hard-working rascals all over the globe."

While in England on leave from India, Mr. Henry was lent to the colonial office and went out to Africa to organize under Lord Milner's eye a police force for Johannesburg and Pretoria.

Only in May 1903 did he succeed Sir Robert Anderson as assistant commissioner at Scotland Yard, so his promotion has been rapid. Above all he knows how to win the confidence, even the affection, of his subordinates.

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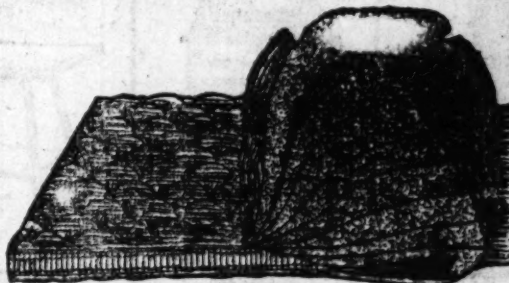
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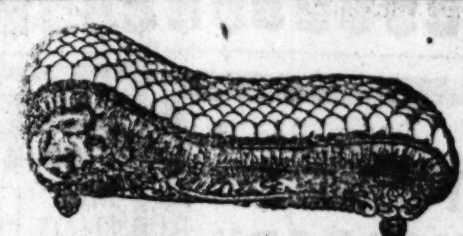
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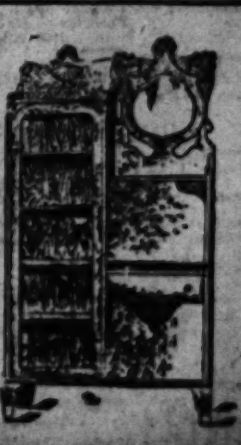
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St. Louis to be head-quarters of the Gould-Rockefeller System.

George J. Gould, Colossus of The New Transcontinental Railroad.



ST. LOUIS is soon to be the headquarters of the first real transcontinental system of railways in this country. It has been a dream of railway engineers, constructors and financiers alike for fifty years or more. You hear much from the orator of the shiny lines of steel connecting the great metropolis in the East with the largest city on our western coast, but never yet has a single complete system of railways been formed to link New York and San Francisco—the Atlantic and the Pacific seaboard. The dream approaches realization, and, naturally, St. Louis becomes the center of the system.

Jay Gould recognized the strategical value of St. Louis in the railroad of the future, and in all his career was devoted to the amalgamation of railways, bent his energies to controlling the situation in this city. His son George, whose genius developed along the lines of profitable operation of consolidated properties, for whom stocks manipulations were only a means and not the end of endeavor, has gone further than Jay Gould. He has made terms with that vast aggregation of capital known popularly under the name of Rockefeller and, with this great financial force, has built onto the Gould system of railways such additions as will, when a few gaps are filled, complete the first transcontinental system. Baltimore, not New York, will be its eastern terminus. San Francisco will probably be its western end.

THE Gould system is the basis of the consolidation which is to cross the continent. It included at the time of Jay Gould's death three great railways: the Missouri Pacific, the Wabash and the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern. To these have been added the Denver & Rio Grande, and all have been operated independently in many senses. Actually the independent operation has for some years been fictitious.

The Wabash has lines east and west of the Mississippi river, the Missouri Pacific lies entirely west of the river, the Iron Mountain goes south from St. Louis, at right angles with the Missouri Pacific, and the Rio Grande connects with the Missouri Pacific's western end. The Iron Mountain and the Wabash west of the



river are feeders, not links in the transcontinental system. This covers the Gould railway properties that figure in the transcontinental railway movement.

The alliance between the Gould and Rockefeller interests, primarily due to George J. Gould's war of retaliation on President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania railroad for Cassatt's bitter assault on the Western Union last spring, and to the Rockefeller's corresponding antagonism to Cassatt and desire for a good field for investment of Standard Oil dividends, has cleared the way for the first real transcontinental railway in this country. The Rockefeller interests have a dominant representation in the Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad and are potent in the management of the Delaware & Lackawanna,

the Missouri, Kansas & Texas and the Northern Pacific systems, among others, and are more than willing to co-operate with the Gould interests along lines that promise profitable returns for the investment of the millions of dollars of profits earned annually by the Standard Oil Co.

Also, during the past year, the Goulds acquired from the state of Maryland the Western Maryland railroad, which runs from Baltimore to Williamsport, Md., thus gaining an entrance into Baltimore, a seaport, as the desired and adequate eastern terminus of the transcontinental railway soon to be an accomplished fact. Then the combined Gould-Rockefeller syndicate obtained control of the West Virginia Central & Pittsburgh railway, at once beginning work on a 65-mile extension from

Cherry Run, W. Va., to Cumberland, Md., thus gaining a Western Maryland connection.

At the same time a line from Steubenville, O., across the Ohio river to Pittsburgh, is being built, thus opening Pittsburgh, the world's greatest industrial center, to the operation of the transcontinental system. These several achievements solve the transcontinental railway problem in so far as its eastern end is concerned.

As for the western end of the great Gould-Rockefeller system, the Gould ownership of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad insures its successful extension to the Pacific coast, the most probable western terminus being San Francisco. There is a gap of 800 miles to be covered between

the western terminus of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad and the city of San Francisco, and when the Gould-Rockefeller millions have obliterated this gap, as it is intended that they shall, the first real transcontinental railway line will have been completed.

Make a study on the map of just how this epochal feat is to be accomplished. The seaport of Baltimore, where ocean steamers are loaded, is entered by the Western Maryland railroad, a most important part of the great transcontinental system. The West Virginia Central & Pittsburgh railroad reaches Pittsburgh and also connects with the Western Maryland. The Gould-Rockefeller line from Steubenville to Pittsburgh will be finished within a few months, and connects these other

lines with the Wabash at Steubenville. At St. Louis the Wabash from the East gives a connection with the Missouri Pacific, which in turn extends the system to Denver. There a connection is made with the Denver & Rio Grande, which carries the system to Salt Lake City. From this point the transcontinental railway line will be extended to the Pacific coast.

It was natural that George Gould should have been distinctly favorable to such an enterprise as the transcontinental system now being established. His three greatest railway properties, the Wabash East, the Missouri Pacific and the Denver & Rio Grande railroads, will constitute the most important factors in the new combination. They will be tremendously benefited thereby. Jay Gould's sagacity in se-

curing control of the situation in St. Louis, the logical headquarters of such a system, will be demonstrated in the most convincing manner.

George Gould's battle with Cassatt of the Pennsylvania railroad will receive a vastly increased promise of ultimate victory. George Gould himself will stand forth as the head of the first transcontinental railway system effectively established under one management and owned by harmonious interests.

It was similarly natural that the Rockefeller interests should have favored the transcontinental railway enterprise based on the solid Gould properties already named. Every year the Rockefeller syndicate finds itself looking for a safe and reasonably attractive field of investment for the profits realized from the Standard Oil Co.'s business. Last year these profits, represented by the Standard Oil Co.'s dividends, amounted to \$42,000,000. The

Warner Says St. Louis Will Be Headquarters

Charles G. Warner, second vice-president and general manager of the Missouri Pacific, in speaking of the new transcontinental system, said:

"St. Louis will be the headquarters of the new system. The general offices and management will be located in the new Missouri Pacific building, in this city. The line will undoubtedly be extended from Salt Lake City to the Pacific coast, and that feature will probably be considered as soon as the plans bearing on the consolidation are perfected."

railway movement, contains an unquestionable guarantee of the system's early establishment, permanency and sustained improvement.

St. Louis has been selected as the headquarters of the transcontinental railway system, decided upon by the Gould-Rockefeller interests because, logically, no other choice was possible of justification. Located midway between the eastern and western terminals of the system, and already the headquarters of the Gould railway interests vitally concerned, St. Louis is the natural headquarters for the new Gould-Rockefeller system. The eastern and western divisions of the great transcontinental railroad may most wisely be under the general direction of a head-

quarters staff, centrally situated. The advantages enjoyed by St. Louis as the greatest inland distributing point increase this city's claims as now recognized. The volume of business originating or centering here similarly designates St. Louis as the logical headquarters of the Gould-Rockefeller transcontinental railway. There is, in fact, no reasonable argument possible in favor of any other point.

All of which, doubtless, was clearly foreseen by the late Jay Gould years ago, when he set about gaining control of the railway situation of St. Louis. And George Gould has been faithful and successful enough to so compel events as to demonstrate the wisdom of his father's analysis of the basic conditions pointing to this final result.

Cowboy Artist Who Has Lived Among the Indians for Twenty-Three Years Will Exhibit Studies at the World's Fair

THE work of Charles M. Russell, the "cowboy artist," who is a native of Missouri, but who for the past 23 years has lived among the Indians and "cow-punchers" in far away Montana, occupies in that particular field of art, a class distinctly its own.

Mr. Russell is in St. Louis engaged in modeling a series of studies which he intends to enter as exhibits in the fine arts display during the World's Fair. During the long time he has lived and worked among the picturesque people who lend character to the rough and rugged West, Mr. Russell absorbed the beauties of the life in such a manner that every piece of his work depicts to the slightest detail the real features of the mountains and plains.

The name of the cowboy-artist is widely known through the West and in the East. The studies which Mr. Russell will exhibit include such as "The Cow-Puncher," "The Buffalo Hunt," and many other studies in which his idealistic conception of the life will be incorporated.

For 23 years Mr. Russell lived exclusively on the range, riding day and night with the cowboys, studying them in every phase of their existence, and his western figures in wax show clearly the result of close observation.

Indian life has a fascination for Mr. Russell and he made his home among them, living in their camps, hunting and trapping like one of the tribe. "Sleeping Thunder," a great chief of the Blackfoot Indians, in whose camp Mr. Russell lived for nearly a year, wanted to adopt him, and offered extraordinary inducements in the way of cattle and other Indian property if he would become a permanent member of the tribe.



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On a day the eyes of the Syrian met the eyes of a beautiful maiden of the sun-kissed heights of his native Mount Lebanon and in that moment they loved.

In a week they were wed and now they have come to Missouri, to the home of the other girl, on their honeymoon trip across continents and seas.

Career Began With a Leap.

IT was a very natural thing that one of the courtships of Be-Hannessy, the Syrian, should be Occidental and the other Oriental. For Be-Hannessy belongs to the Occident and to the Orient.

The Orient, with its picture setting, its profundity, its symbolism and the ripe wealth of its antiquity is his by birthright, and the Occident, with its utilitarianism and enterprise and greatness of conception is his by acquisition and adoption. And he is a singularly serviceable composite of the qualities which are the best products of these opposites, the East and the West.

Phares Be-Hannessy began his career by leaping through the door of a Presbyterian mission school in Damascus.

He was the eldest son of a Syrian hereditary ameer, or prince, and the successor of his father to the title. Before he was 10 years old he was placed in a Damascus convent, his parents being Catholics, to be educated for the station in life which would be his.

Near the convent was a mission school conducted by a Presbyterian missionary. The convent pupils were told that just within the door of the mission school was a pit, into which they would fall if they ventured to enter.

The boy did not doubt it, but he did not forego the purpose of investigating the interior of the school, which his inquiring mind had prompted him to form.

Finding the door open he ran with all his speed and as his foot touched the portal he shut his eyes and leaped as far as he could.

He did not fall into a pit, and after the commotion caused by his flying entrance had subsided he found that no pit was there.

He was punished for disobedience to the convent rules. He went again to the little school, entering, however, less impressively, and was punished again. He went a third time and he was expelled from the convent.

His leap into the mission school, in the light of events which followed, was the turning point in his career.

His uncle, a merchant, was leaving for Paris. The boy, expelled from the convent, pleaded to be permitted to accompany him. The permission was given and from Paris the boy accompanied his relative to America.

They stayed in Chicago a year. The slight lad, with



MRS. BE-HANNESSY IN SYRIAN STREET DRESS.



time they became engaged. Be-Hannessy was scarcely more than 17 then. For five years the engagement existed. Every three months the Syrian went to Maysville to see his fiancée.

Several times their plans to wed were laid. One thing and another interfered. They could not perfectly agree as to where their permanent home should be. The young man felt that it was his duty to carry back to his people that which he had acquired in America and try to lead them out of their old ways. The girl had misgivings about going so far from her home and desired that their home should be in America.

Yielding finally to the seeming logic of the situation, they reached the conclusion that it was better for them not to wed, at least until after he had made a trip back to his native land.

So after an absence of seven years he returned to Damascus, and the ties which existed between them, stretched across 7000 miles of continent and sea, broke of their own weight.

Founded National Library.

He had returned to Syria with the expectation of establishing a college and hospital in Damascus, but after considering all the conditions he established instead the National Library of Syria, which has broadened into the Oriental University.

The library and university are at Zahleh, Mt. Lebanon, Syria, 100 miles from Jerusalem, a city of 27,000.

In his work Be-Hannessy encountered the strong opposition of Paul Abdallah Massad, archbishop of Damascus, whose summer home and seat were at Ashkout, in Mt. Lebanon, 35 miles from Zahleh.

Be-Hannessy made three trips to the seat of the archbishop to try to overcome his opposition. The third time he went he stayed a week as the guest of the archbishop.

Not far away, in the mountain village, lived the brother of the archbishop and his family. Malachie Massad was his daughter. She was a schoolgirl, scarce 15 years old, home for a vacation the week that Be-Hannessy was the guest of her uncle. It was her pride to be at the archbishop's residence.

The archbishop and the young man were talking earnestly about the library enterprise. Much of the church dig-

nitary's opposition had faded as he had gained a better understanding of the young man's plans.

As they talked a young girl entered bearing sweetmeats on a tray. The young man glanced up and his glance lingered, and kindled as it lingered. It seemed to him that the face of the girl was the most beautiful he had ever seen, in Occident or Orient.

Her limpid eyes met his and the rich color heightened in her olive cheeks. The heart of the young man was stirred as it had never been stirred, even by the Missouri girl.

Phares Be-Hannessy loved Malachie Massad and she—well, within a week she was his bride.

During the days which followed the young man had managed to obtain interviews of a few minutes, through the assistance of the married sister of the girl, with whom he was acquainted.

The end of the week came and Be-Hannessy knew that Malachie would marry him if the consent of her uncle could be gained.

Conqueror Was Conquered.

The young man was again in the presence of the archbishop. He was not so bold now as he had been when championing the cause of his project.

"I came to conquer you," he said, "and I have been conquered. I have lost my heart to Malachie, your niece. I ask your consent to our engagement."

The archbishop did not storm. His ideas about the young man had been changing rapidly. He sent for Malachie and asked her if she was willing to become engaged to Be-Hannessy. She spoke a blushing assent. The archbishop gave his consent.

Be-Hannessy was willing that all the eastern formalities should be adhered to, but the archbishop encouraged a breaking away from these. He sanctioned the wedding of the Protestant young man and the Catholic girl and they were married without delay and without the usual publishing of the bans. The ceremony was performed at midnight in the church at Ashkout. The archbishop was present, but the ceremony was performed by another dignitary.

The next day Be-Hannessy returned to Zahleh and his bride returned to school. It was intended that she should complete her education, but Be-Hannessy's parents prevailed upon him to change the plan and three weeks later the male relatives and friends of Be-Hannessy rode across the mountains on horseback and brought the bride to the home of her husband, and the wedding festivities were carried out on the Oriental plan.

And now they are in America on their honeymoon trip. They will remain in America probably two years. When they are not traveling they will stay in St. Louis part of the time and in Chicago part of the time.

They will make their home in St. Louis at the Washington Hotel on King's highway. They are now in Memphis.

Not less remarkable than his career has been the magnitude of the project of which this young man of 24 is the author. He says:

By Phares Be-Hannessy

The purpose of the establishment of the National Library and University is the creation of a national spirit among Syrians. At present this does not exist. Religious differences interfere with the growth of patriotism. Mohammedanism, Christianity and Judaism precede patriotism. The people care more for creed than country. They are all individualists.

The mission of the library and university is to break down the walls of prejudice which have been erected between people of different beliefs and make them all Syrians first and then creeds.

It is sought to accomplish this by education. I went back to my country determined to try to convert the hearts of my countrymen. I became convinced that the best way to convert their hearts was to enlighten their minds and eradicate their prejudices and broaden their sympathies.

I went there to preach. I stayed to keep silent. The books in the National Library and in the 45 free reading rooms speak better than I can. They speak when their readers are off their guard, when they are not fortified to combat what the books speak.

I strive to smite creed prejudices. I advise men to keep their religion to themselves, except among those who agree with them. I ask them not to magnify their differences and try to show them that the differences are really not great.

Eager to Learn English.

In theory, English, French and German are taught, but in practice it is only English. It is the only language demanded. The books are English, German and French, but the English predominate greatly.

It is the only English educational enterprise, conducted entirely by natives, in the entire Turkish empire, with 40,000,000 people.

The best current literature and the great dailies of the world are received at the National Library. Professors of the university condense the most important news into bulletins and these are sent to the branch reading rooms.

The Sunday Post-Dispatch is received 21 days after the date of its publication in St. Louis, but the news it contains is even then fresher than the news of native newspapers, and the more important features of every issue are condensed by one of the professors into a four-page bulletin, which we print and send out to all the reading rooms. No daily paper received is valued more highly or is utilized more fully.

The purpose of trying to create a national consciousness is not revolutionary. Syria is a province, a part of the Turkish empire. The National Library and University does not stand for a movement against foreign rule, but it does stand for a movement against unjust rule. It is not a movement against the Turkish government, but it is a movement against unjust Turkish officials. The hope is to create a nation which shall be strong enough to obtain just treatment from the governing nation.

I do not hesitate to affirm there that this is the purpose. The authorities do not interfere with me. My American citizenship protects me.

Mt. Lebanon is the most favorable place for the growth of the movement, because it enjoys full autonomy and is under no obligation to Turkey other than to pay tribute.

The people are awake to the advantage of the English language and are anxious to learn it. They are welcoming the advent of improved methods and improved tools and machinery. American tools and machinery are used in the agricultural and industrial colleges. Besides these, there is a liberal arts college and a day school, patterned after the American public schools.

The institution is being placed on a self-sustaining basis. This is being accomplished largely by the sale of the handwork of the women who attend from it. They give their handwork as an expression of their gratitude and this, consisting of finest lace and drawn work, is sold abroad, making the institution not only a native enterprise but sustained by natives.

FRANCO-GERMAN RIVALRIES at the WORLD'S FAIR.

INTERNATIONAL
JEALOUSY
SHOWN IN
BUILDINGS
AND
PICTURES



GERMAN PICTURE, ILLUSTRATING
FRANCE'S DEFEAT AT SEDAN.
LOUIS NAPOLEON, A PRISONER,
SURROUNDED BY BISMARCK,
CROWN PRINCE FREDERICK AND
OTHER GERMAN NOTABLES.



FRENCH PICTURE ILLUSTRATING HUMILIATION OF PRUSSIA. NAPOLEON AT THE
TOMB OF FREDERICK THE GREAT.



CHARLOTTEBERG CASTLE
GERMAN BUILDING.

production of the classic Little Trianon and its beautiful grounds. This was a pretty and graceful idea—not massive nor overly elaborate nor unduly expensive, but academic and pleasing.

Boom! It was a gun of the German heavy artillery. It was touched off just as soon as the Little Trianon plan of France was made public. The German government officially and with great dignity advised the World's Fair management that the German building at the World's Fair of 1904 would be a reproduction of the stately and impressive castle of Charlottenburg, architecturally and historically famous. It would make France's Little Trianon look like 30 cents, the Germans thought.

But no—a battle is never lost so long as reserves can be brought up to the firing line to reinforce those already in action. France "saw"



LITTLE TRIANON, WHICH FRANCE
WAS TO ERECT AT THE WORLD'S
FAIR, UNTIL GERMANY DECIDED
TO BUILD CHARLOTTEBERG
CASTLE.

Traditional enemies will fight
old battles over again and vic-
tory will be as sweet and defeat
as bitter as the victories and de-
feats of real war.



THE GRAND TRIANON AT VERSAILLES, WHICH FRANCE ANNOUNCED IT
WOULD REPRODUCE HERE AS SOON AS GERMANY'S DECISION WAS
MADE KNOWN.

would be 600 great French paintings shown at St. Louis in 1904!

This was the opening engagement. It was followed by more important and even more significant developments going to prove the

intensity of French and German rivalry at the Fair.

The French government officially notified the World's Fair management that the French building at the World's Fair would be a re-

production of the Charlottenburg "raïse" of the Little Trianon and went Germany one better. The French government informed the World's Fair management of a change in its plans. Instead of a reproduction of the Little Trianon, the

NOTHER Franco-German war is on. It will be fought to a finish. The battlefield already selected is the World's Fair grounds

St. Louis. When the first Napoleon humbled the side of all Germans in the dawn of the nineteenth century by crushing Prussia, turning Berlin and making fugitives King Frederick William and the beautiful Queen Louisa, it was a victory of the Old Guard and French artillery over the Prussian grenadiers, who stood as a survival of the great Frederick's militant ideal.

When Prussia retaliated in 1870 with

United Germany at her back, by crushing France, holding Paris as a subject city, and making a captive of the third Napoleon, it was a victory of Von Moltke and the needle-gun over France's decadent generals and the inefficient chasseur, with the chagrined shade of the "Little Corporal" scowling in the historic background.

The new war now declared will end when the final verdict is rendered by World's Fair judges, and it will be victory or defeat for Art. The two traditional enemies are already drawn up in battle array, with national bitterness much in evidence.

Art for art's sake. No, it will be art for Germany's sake, art for France's sake—and hurrah for the victor!

announcing that there would be an exhibit of from 300 to 400 French paintings at the St. Louis World's Fair.

Germany almost instantly proclaimed that 500 notable paintings by German artists would be exhibited at the World's Fair. She was drawing on a strong supply. German art has made wonderful advances in the recent past. And it was to surpass France!

"Revanche!" cried the excitable Gauls, just as they have sounded that sinister cry for a generation since Sedan. And then came the reconsidered French announcement. There

THE new Franco-German war opened when France and Germany were invited by the President of the United States to participate in the World's Fair to be held in St. Louis in 1904.

Its developments have been so significant as to entitle it to the appellation of a comic opera, but it is an extremely serious conflict all the same. Each antagonist is in deadly earnest.

France was the first to respond to the President's invitation. She debouched her initial forces upon the scene of conflict, so to speak, by

you high in the stinging air, meanwhile using one hand to adjust heavy tackle to prevent the dipping rudder from staving in the side of the vessel.

Williams did that on the trip of the Homeward Bound, which reached San Francisco from Antwerp the other day, but if it had been left to Williams the world would probably never have heard of this wonderfully spectacular piece of daring in the stirring annals of the sea.

The accident occurred at 2 o'clock in the morning of May 31 in the depth of the Cape Horn winter, when the vessel was in longitude 77 west, latitude 57.12 south, where the waves never rest and the water is always icy cold. The vessel was making a gallant fight against the fury of a terrific southwester. Big seas battered her hull,

spray splashed high as the royal yards and the decks were filled to the rail with surging brine.

Suddenly an avalanche of water launched itself against the uplifted stern, striking sharp and loud as a rifle report and the helmsman found the wheel useless in his hands. It revolved as before, but its control over the rudder was gone and the big ship was at the mercy of the gale.

As the Homeward Bound yielded herself to the fury of the storm, such sail as was set was ripped into ribbons, and before a Horn southwester means rapid transit for all hands to Davy Jones' locker. It had not only to be secured; control over its movements had to be re-established, as without better steering facilities than at the vessel, steering her with the aid of the

sails. The ship was still in grave danger, however, and would be at the mercy of any change in the gale's mood as long as the rudder was beyond control.

Investigation showed that the rudder itself was all right, but that the stock had been shattered beyond possibility of repair. The massive blade was swinging freely on its hinges and threatening with every roll of the vessel to stave a hole in her plates.

To secure this flapping wing of steel was an immediate necessity, as a hole in the stern of a steel ship laboring in a Cape Horn southwester means rapid transit for all hands to Davy Jones' locker. It had not only to be secured; control over its movements had to be re-established, as without better steering facilities than at the vessel, steering her with the aid of the

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The task undertaken by Williams was to make fast the two chains, one on each side, to a ring or shackle on the outside edge of the rudder. When the vessel lies on even keel this shackle is about 4 feet below the surface of the water. As she pitched and dived in the mad sea off the Horn the shackle was sometimes high in the air, and when the vessel's stern settled, as it did until the poop deck was almost submerged, the shackle was many feet below the surface.

Williams was lowered from the end of the mainmast boom and made several attempts to pass a wire rope through the shackle as the vessel came up by the stern. He soon found, however, that this plan would not serve. He was out of sight of the Capt. Thompson, who attended the line on which he was suspended and the lowering and raising could not be managed with sufficient expedition to give the mate a chance at the shackle as it emerged from the water.

This plan was abandoned after several wild dives at the swaying rudder, and Williams, after studying the situation more carefully, resolved to take the one desperate chance upon which lay the only hope of success.

He seized hold of the shackle. As the rudder swung and banged he was flung from side to side with a force that would have loosened anything less sure than a sailing ship's mast.

Holding on with one hand, he made frantic efforts with the other to pass the wire rope through the shackle. Then, as the vessel settled, rudder, shackle and sailor disappeared beneath the boiling sea. Up she came again. A long breath, another shaking-up as the disengaged rudder slammed from side to side, one more attempt to pass through the wire rope and again the plunge.

Between the rests and the wild rides, however, the task was performed. More than a score of times Williams made that submarine trip with the elusive shackle. He passed through the ring two wire ropes to which those on deck attached heavy chains and with the wire hauled them through the rudder shackle. These chains Williams then shackled in place and his work was done.

He faltered when hauled on deck.

HARRY WILLIAMS, WHO SAVED THE SHIP BY CLINGING TO THE RUDDER AN HOUR, IS THE BRAVEST SAILOR ON THE SEAS

HARRY WILLIAMS is just a plain ordinary American sailor, of the rank of mate, on an American bark, so far as he will admit.

But his captain and his men call him the bravest, cleverest, strongest, long-windedest man that ever trumped a deck.

Williams says it was what any man would and could do if it had to be done, but there's not a man in all the ports of America that can duplicate the story.

This is what Williams says any man would and could do: Drop over the stern of a big vessel, swinging helplessly in a wild, mid-ocean gale, grab an iron ring in the swinging, disabled two-ton steel rudder and hang there for an hour, while every pitch of the ship dashed you ten feet under the icy water and then jerked

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\$1,000,000 OFFERED for a WHISKEY BOTTLE.

A Minister and His Wife Secure Patents on Remarkable Invention.



FORTUNE for a whisky bottle! One million dollars in cash offered for an invention which, if it would not increase the consumption of whisky, would certainly add to the profits of distillers. That is the news that comes from Petersburg, Ind., where Rev. James M. Stafford and his devoted wife have just received from 10 foreign governments and from the United States Patent Office, papers covering the invention of a non-refillable bottle, upon which they have worked for years.

REV. JAMES MORTON STAFFORD has completed the task he set himself years ago when he happened to pick up a scientific paper and therein read that there were millions of dollars awaiting for the man who would invent a successful non-refillable bottle. Dr. Stafford, however, is frank to confess that the success which has now crowned his labors would not have been possible but for the assistance which he received from his wife.

Mrs. Stafford is a very clever woman, with a remarkable knowledge of mechanical principles. She has already made several inventions which have been patented in the United States and from which she is now receiving royalties. As soon as she learned from her husband of his desire to invent a non-refillable bottle, her enthusiasm was aroused to carry the work to a successful issue.

For several years Dr. Stafford and his wife have spent the long winter evenings studying this problem. They have made model after model and drawing after drawing, until they found in every case that the difficulty before them was much greater than it had at first appeared. Dr. Stafford says that almost every known mechanical principle was employed by him in the attempt to make the non-refillable bottle before he finally hit upon the right plan. It was almost like trying to invent the perpetual motion machine.

In the first place he found that many of his ideas had already been anticipated, and that patents had been granted by the United States upon alleged non-refillable bottles, which, however, had subsequently turned out to be failures. Dr. Stafford procured all the literature he could upon the subject. He consulted patent lawyers and communicated with the patent office at Washington. He received drawings of previous attempts to solve the problem and saw that others than himself had evidently spent years in such experimentation.

The fact that big money awaited the man who could solve the question was amply demonstrated to the satisfaction of Rev. Dr. Stafford. Well known patent lawyers told him that men had worked for years on the subject and failed. He was informed that there were millions in it for the successful inventor, who might take rank with Goodyear, Howe, Edison and others as one who had contributed largely to scientific knowledge.

Mrs. Stafford's Studied Bottles.

Mrs. Stafford likewise went deeply into the history and theory of the subject. She acquainted herself with every effort that had been made by previous inventors to devise a bottle which, when emptied of its contents, could not again be filled with any liquid. She saw that it was necessary that the invention be a simple one, capable of being manufactured cheaply and economically, and that a complicated apparatus would be worthless. Mrs. Stafford set her woman's wits to work and carefully studied every bottle that came into their household in Hazleton, Ind., where her husband was pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

She looked carefully at milk bottles, medicine bottles and even at whisky bottles to see how they were made, and just how they differed from each other. She well knew that in the multitude of manufactured articles of this character, the only guarantee which the purchaser has that the contents of the bottle are genuine is the label and that frauds are being perpetrated every day by taking old bottles

bearing a well known label and refilling them with spurious material which is then sold to the public as the genuine article. In patent medicine alone Mrs. Stafford realized that millions of dollars were at stake, while she learned that all the whisky distillers have been looking for such an invention, and that one of the most profitable frauds is the filling of empty champagne bottles with worthless liquid, which is then retailed at \$4 to \$5 a quart. The champagne makers alone, she was sure, would pay an immense sum of money if they could find some way to stop these frauds.

After long experiment, Rev. Dr. Stafford began to be discouraged. He had devised numerous kinds of non-refillable bottles only to find in each case that they either would not work at all or else were so complicated and delicate as to be unprofitable to make and commercially impractical. He says himself, now that his efforts have been crowned with success, that he might have abandoned the quest long ago, but for the continued encouragement given him by Mrs. Stafford.

She insisted that there surely must be some way in which the mechanical difficulties of the problem could be surmounted. She related to her husband the repeated failures of celebrated inventors before they had finally hit upon the

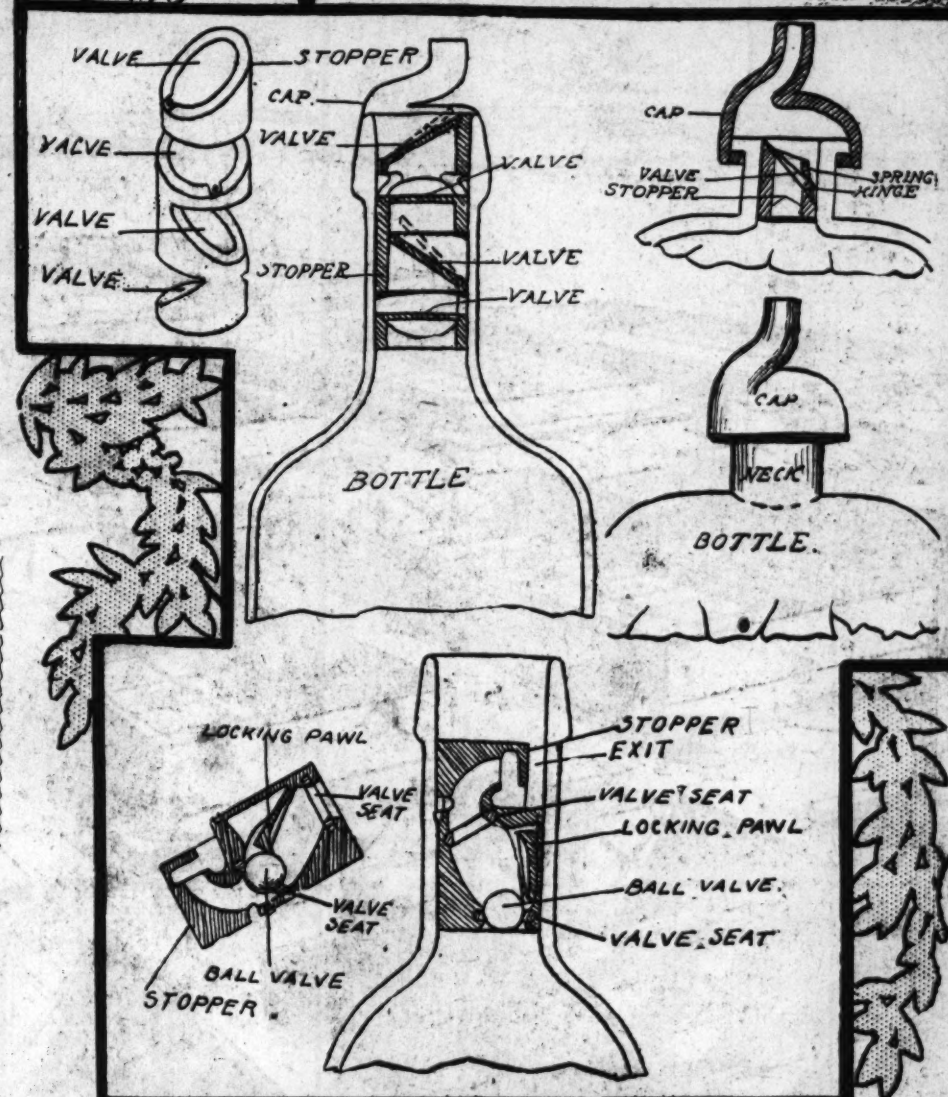
Rev. Dr. Stafford's Bottle and How It Works.

The important feature of Rev. Dr. Stafford's invention is the impossibility of opening the bottle for refilling by external means. The features of the invention consist of a metal cap which fits tightly over the neck of the bottle, having two exit holes, directly opposite each other, in the extreme top, to allow the escape of the liquor. A stopper working on a spring fits into a circular, tapered vent in the lower part of the cap. When the bottle is tilted, allowing the liquor to run against the tapered stopper, the pressure forces the stopper up and allows the liquor to escape through the holes at the top of the cap. When not in use, screws are inserted in the cap holes to prevent evaporation of the bottle's contents.

right plan. She told how Ericson had been discouraged and how Edison had almost lost faith in himself before he conquered the divine spark which makes the electric light. At times Rev. Dr. Stafford felt that it was easier to invent a monitor or the electric light than the non-refillable bottle.

Again, his pastoral duties, as a minister of the gospel, took up much of his time and he was only enabled to devote a few hours at night to the question which absorbed his thoughts and those of his wife. Their little study became filled with mechanical appliances, sectional views, scientific drawings and a large assortment of empty bottles. One or two old inventors told Rev. Dr. Stafford that he was wasting his time, that he might as well try to invent the perpetual motion machine as a non-refillable bottle, which for years had been known as one of the unsolvable problems of the mechanical world.

However, a little over a year ago Dr. Stafford began to feel for the first time that he was on the right track. It was largely owing to the advice and assistance of his wife that he hit upon a device of inserting in the neck of the bottle a vertical spring, just weak enough to be pushed aside by the weight of the liquid when the bottle was inverted, yet strong enough to throw back a valve into position when the liquid had all passed out. When the neck of the bottle was once closed with this valve held in place by the little spring, Rev. Dr. Stafford found to his delight that it was a physical impossibility to insert any more liquid into the bottle. The harder the liquid was pressed in, the tighter the valve became, until



OTHER ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE THE BOTTLE PROBLEM.

the bottle was hermetically sealed.

This was the general principle he started to work out. After he had once established the success of the plan by numerous experiments, he and Mrs. Stafford went to work to devise numerous improvements which simplified the apparatus and reduced the cost of its manufacture. People who wrote to Dr. Stafford at the time to learn about the progress of his work, and who inquired whether a rumor was true that he had succeeded in his invention, failed to get any answer from him for the reason that his applications for a patent were then on file at the patent office in Washington as well as abroad and he was determined that

no information of the details of his invention should be disclosed until the patent in its entirety should have been granted and safeguarded by documents.

None of the parishioners of Dr. Stafford, then at Hazleton, knew what he was working upon, although they were aware that he and his wife were both much interested in mechanical discoveries. Within the past few weeks the patients have arrived from Washington and from Europe, fully confirmed and duly authenticated, and Dr. Stafford has now felt that the time has arrived to make known the result of his work.

Distiller Offered a Million.

In the meanwhile, however, rumors gained circulation amongst large manufacturers and distillers to the effect that the problem which for years had engaged the attention of inventors, had finally been solved. Since this fact became known, Dr. Stafford has been deluged with requests for information. Patent medicine dealers, manufacturers of all kinds of proprietary articles, distillers, wine growers and others who spend millions per annum upon bottling, sought to communicate with him.

It remained, however, for one of the most energetic distillers of Kentucky to actually come himself to the little Indiana town and make a flat offer of a million dollars for the invention as soon as he knew what it was like. This was Mr. James Pepper of Lexington, Ky. He realized at a glance the value of the discovery. He knew that the man who owned the non-refillable bottle had millions at his command. He knew that the Kentucky distillers had long been seeking just such a thing as this and that the patent right in Europe would be worth immense sums of money.

"I will give you a million dollars for the invention," said Mr. Pepper.

"No," said Rev. Dr. Stafford; "I have worked years upon it along with my wife, and we intend to keep it for ourselves."

He was then offered a million dollars for the American rights alone. He refused this enormous sum of money. Other offers ranging from \$10,000 to \$1,000,000 have come to him in rapid succession since the rumor began to spread amongst the distillers and manufacturers that the great question had at last been solved.

Dr. Stafford says that he has been prevented from selling on account of delay in securing the patents from foreign countries, but that now he has got them all. He has received a patent on the invention from 10 foreign countries, as well as a patent covering the entire United States. Within the past few days he has already received \$21,500 for a small part interest.

"I will soon be in possession of at least a million dollars from the sale of a part interest in the patent in the United States and foreign countries," said Dr. Stafford last week. "Nevertheless, I shall continue to preach and carry on the church work, only feeling that greater responsibilities have devolved upon me, and that my field of usefulness will be enlarged."

"Grit, gumption and grace is my motto. The three Gs—Grit to go on and never be discouraged, gumption that the grit may be directed in a wise instead of a foolish way, and grace that the effort and knowledge be directed to the glory of the Great Ruler of the universe, in whom we move, live and have our being, if we live, and not die in sin."

More than twenty useful inventions have been perfected by Rev. Dr. Stafford, of which seven are already patented or applied for, and others will soon be on the market. He feels, however, that in perfecting the non-refillable bottle he has perhaps accomplished the greatest discovery he may during his lifetime contribute to the scientific world.

Advantages Are Incalculable.

When Dr. Stafford was asked whether he did not think that the improved whisky bottle was somewhat inconsistent with the work of a minister of the Gospel, he said that the use of his invention by whisky distillers was only incidental, and that any benefit they might derive from it would be more than counterbalanced by the immense benefit which mankind at large would receive from the discovery by reason of its utility in improving public health. Dr. Stafford says that no man knows to what extent fraud enters into the use of bottles and that in many instances the spurious stuff inserted into bottles after they are once empty is positively injurious to the health, people imbibing actual poison when they think that they are taking medicine. This outrageous fraud will, he says, be at once stopped by his invention.

Some articles on the market are so rare or costly that an immense profit can be made by buying the discarded bottles and filling them with imitation articles. Some Hungarian wines are worth \$50 a bottle. Champagne which costs a comparatively small sum to make sells for \$4 or \$5 a quart, and the only guarantee that it is champagne is the label on the bottle, while the same is true with Imperial Tokay and other Hungarian wines, which are worth almost their weight in gold. These articles can be imitated at a small cost. After a man has had a few drinks and is "feeling pretty good," he is in no condition to tell whether the stuff he is drinking is champagne at \$5 a bottle or a mixture of seltzer and cider at 20 cents a gallon. His only protection is the bottle, which may have been filled just outside the door by some dishonest waiter. With the non-refillable bottle, however, no such frauds can be perpetrated.

In patent medicines, millions of dollars are staked simply upon the label on the bottle. So skillfully are some patent medicines imitated by refilling the genuine bottles that the manufacturers are unable to stop the traffic, which deprives them of immense sums every year. Even brewers suffer from similar frauds. There is also an immense amount of fraud in bottled delicacies, such as mushrooms, capers, grapes, pears and similar articles. A reputation is built up for an article by merit and excellence, and



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by the expenditure of perhaps millions of dollars in advertising and long years of work, and this is daily endangered by the possibilities of frauds, the manufacturer being unable in every instance to protect his label, catch the criminal and have him punished.

These are only a few lines in which the non-refillable bottle fills a long-felt want. Rev. Dr. Stafford and Mrs. Stafford deny that their invention will add to the consumption of alcoholic beverages. He says that he does not feel that a single additional glass of whisky will be consumed because of his invention. At the same time he well knows that distillers will benefit by it, otherwise one of them would not have offered him a million in cash for his device.

Mrs. Stafford is elated at the success which

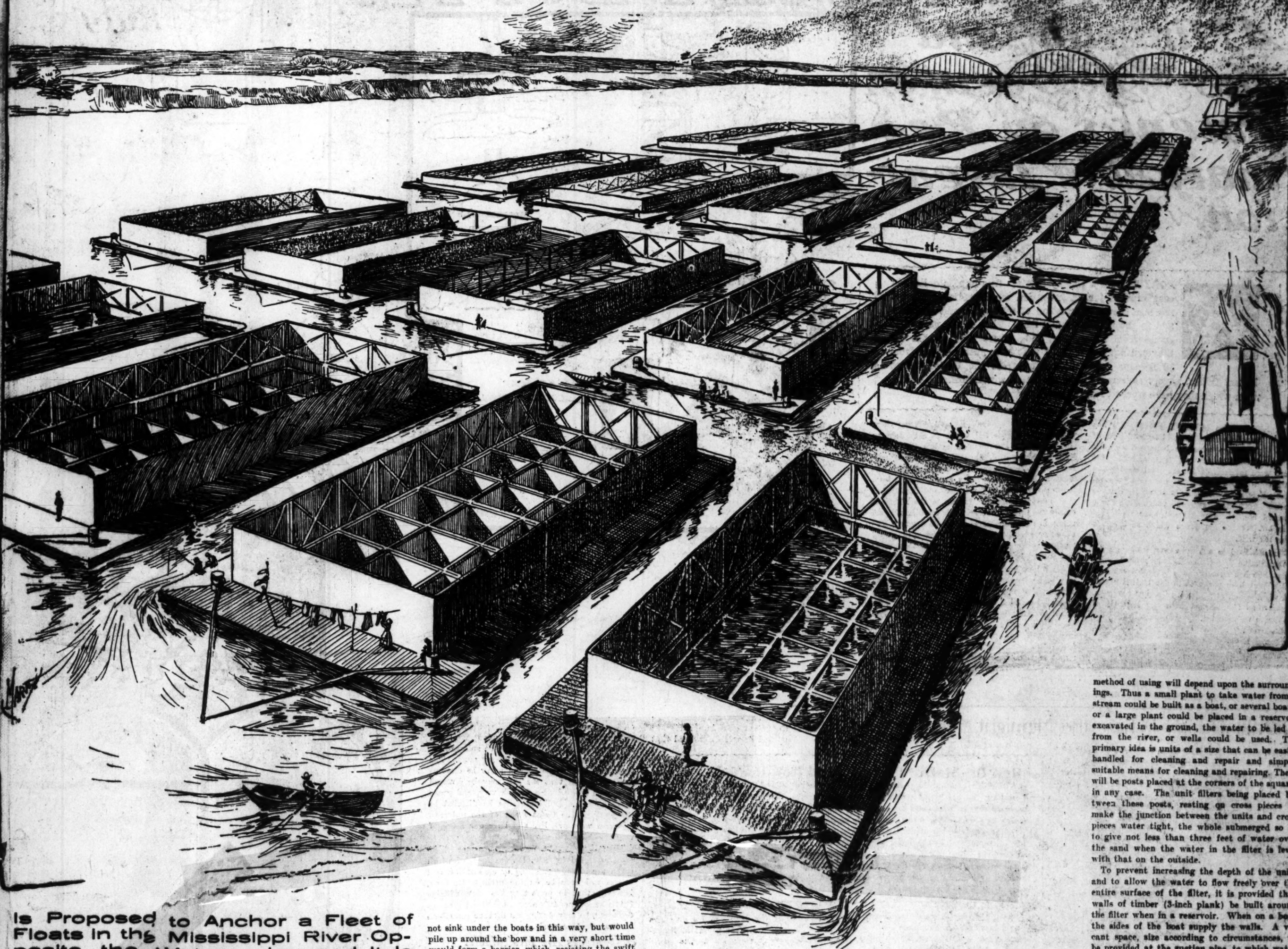
has crowned the labors of herself and her husband. She says that the invention will be of greatest use to housewives, who will now that the goods they buy are the genuine and the fear will no longer exist in their minds that the bottles in their cupboards have been refilled with spurious material after once being used. The bottle makers, also, it is claimed, will rejoice because there will be an immense increase in the demand for glass. The only people who will be injured by this invention will be swindlers and impostors who have been injuring the public health by passing off bogus material as articles of merit, and Rev. Dr. Stafford and his wife are thoroughly convinced that no matter what the whisky men and wine growers may think, their invention will be of the greatest use to the commercial world.

The Ten Commandments of Hygiene

1. Rise early, retire early and fill your day with work.
2. Water and bread maintain life; pure air and sunshine are indispensable to health.
3. Frugality and sobriety form the best elixir of longevity.
4. Cleanliness prevents rust; the best-cared-for machines last the longest.
5. Enough sleep repairs waste and strengthens; too much sleep softens and sabbatizes.
6. To be sensibly dressed is to give freedom to one's movements, and enough warmth to be protected from sudden changes of temperature.
7. A clean and cheerful house makes a happy home.
8. The mind is refreshed and invigorated by distractions and amusement; but abuse of them leads to dissipation and dissipation is vice.
9. Cheerfulness makes love of life, and love of life is half of health.
10. Be good and do good.

A GIGANTIC FLOATING FILTER

EXTRAORDINARY SCHEME TO SUPPLY ST. LOUIS WITH PURE WATER.



It Is Proposed to Anchor a Fleet of Floats in the Mississippi River Opposite the Waterworks and It Is Claimed That the Muddy Water Would Be Clarified by Being Forced Up Through Their Filter Bottoms.

The most extraordinary scheme up to date for the purpose of supplying St. Louis with what the city badly needs—pure and wholesome water in abundance—is now being discussed by people to whom the plans have been

submitted. This amazing system is to consist of a fleet of 20 gigantic floats anchored in the Mississippi river somewhere between the Chain of Rocks and the Merchants' Bridge. These floats are to purify the Mississippi water, which is then to be run into pipes on the bottom of the river and from there to be pumped into the city mains.

PATENTS have been issued for the gigantic floating filter, which was invented by John Roche, a resident of St. Louis and formerly a locomotive engineer. Mr. Roche and his friends have drawn up plans of the utmost detail, showing just how the gigantic filter is worked. The filter consists of a number of units, and the theory—which is said to be a practical one—is that the water filters up through the filter bottom, passing through charcoal, sand, etc., so that the water is purified while that on the surface is the unpurified.

One of the gigantic floats, which are to be anchored in the Mississippi river near the Chain of Rocks, is to contain a number of small filters, or units, as they are called. By being made in sections, it is claimed that the filter can be easily and economically cleaned. A trial of this system on land has been made, and it has worked well on a small scale. It is claimed that it is a practical matter, upon examining the plan, for the gigantic floating filter, have asserted that the thing would be impossible. No fleet of floats that could be built would, it is said, resist the ice flows and the swift current of the Mississippi river opposite St. Louis in the winter and spring. An officer of the navy said that even

sharp-pointed battleships could with difficulty be anchored against an ice flow in a current of this kind, and that the proposition to anchor a fleet of huge square floats against such a current is an absurdity.

The Roche people claim, however, that mushroom anchors will safely hold their enormous floats in the face of any current, and that an ice flow may be arrested before it strikes the gigantic floating filter by a row of piles.

The Roche people estimate that 20 boats would supply St. Louis with 2,000,000 gallons of water per day. A test of a filter eight feet square showed that it had a capacity of 337 gallons of water per square foot in 24 hours.

The plan of the company is to anchor the 20 boats in rows of four abreast, each boat having a mushroom anchor to hold it. These anchors are somewhat like an inverted umbrella and are the strongest anchors that are made. The end of each float slopes downward through the water line toward the keel at an angle of 45 degrees. It is claimed that the ice striking the front of the boat would slide down its surface and pass beneath the craft.

"But," said an old river man last week, "if the ice gets underneath it wouldn't do a thing to the small filters exposed on the bottom." Other river men have said that the ice would

not sink under the boats in this way, but would pile up around the bow and in a very short time would form a barrier, which, resisting the swift current of the river, would sweep the boat away from her moorings.

A remarkable feature of the gigantic floating filter is that each one of the floats is to be connected by a flexible pipe with a water main on the bottom of the river. This is to allow for the boat swinging at her moorings. These mains all connect with each other and the entire product of the floats is to be pumped ashore through one large main. It is also claimed that gravitation, or the force of the current itself,

of commission for a few hours to allow of the filters being raised and cleaned, an operation that appears to be simple and practical when built on this plan. Then when the newly cleaned filter goes back into business another one may be shut off by turning a wheel. A small number of men would be easily able to handle the gigantic floating filter except during an ice flow.

By WATER COMMISSIONER ADKINS.

"Our department made a very thorough test of this filter and found that under certain conditions it attained a surprising degree of efficiency."

"The greatest problem in connection with this proposition is to successfully anchor boats cut in the river at the intake tower. In the first place, the area they would cover would, in low water, impede navigation. The boats would occupy about 374,400 square feet in the river, and if it took 20 boats to supply the city with clarified water, it would require just twice the area of the maximum consumption, owing to the fact that one-half the number of filters would have to be cleaned at a time."

"It would be necessary to obtain the consent of the government before 20 boats could be anchored in the river at any place. The current during high water is powerful and when the ice commences to flow it would be dashed against the fleet with destructive force."

"This plan of filters would work admirably for some small private manufacturing company which made use of river water, but the problem of securing 20 boats out in the river seems almost too great to be solved."

may send the water ashore without the use of a pump.

Each boat is to be 52 feet wide, 120 feet in length and 31.2 feet in depth. The interior of each is subdivided into spaces of 12 feet by 12 feet. Allowing for timbers, etc., this gives to each float 130 square feet of filtering space. The force of the river current, together with natural gravitation, sends the water up through the filter until it reaches the same level as it is on the outside, and during the process it passes through the charcoal, sand, etc., and is entirely purified. It is therefore only necessary to keep constantly removing the water from the top of the filter.

One or two floats at a time might be put out

when it is claimed that no possible number of men might save the filter, or during high water in the Mississippi, when the current is almost irresistible.

DESCRIPTION OF FLOATING FILTER.

By C. D. Purdin, M. Am. Soc. C. E.

The new system of filtration devised by Mr. John Roche of St. Louis and protected by his patents, overcomes most of the objections to all other plans. The Roche plan is simply to place a float consisting of a wooden box in the water, all the water to run by gravity, and pumping clear water from the top. The filter is preferably made in sections or units

about 12 feet square, or, allowing for timber, each section giving an area of 138 square feet of filter. The unit consists of a timber box 12 feet square and about 31.2 feet deep. The bottom consists of slats 1 inch by four inches, about 1-2 inch apart. On these slats rests a sheet of No. 8 wire netting, on the wire netting 6 inches to 7 inches of charcoal about the size of buckshot, then another sheet of wire netting and lastly 15 to 18 inches of sand.

Placing this box in the water, with the surface below the surface of the water outside the box, the water filters itself through the charcoal and sand and is carried from the top of the sand by any convenient means to the place where it is required. The use of the filter in units 12x12 allows of infinite expansion. The

method of using will depend upon the surroundings. Thus a small plant to take water from a stream could be built as a boat, or several boats, or a large plant could be placed in a reservoir excavated in the ground, the water to be led in from the river, or wells could be used. The primary idea is units of a size that can be easily handled for cleaning and repair and simple, suitable means for cleaning and repairing. There will be posts placed at the corners of the squares in any case. The unit filters being placed between these posts, resting on cross pieces to make the junction between the units and cross pieces water tight, the whole submerged so as to give not less than three feet of water over the sand when the water in the filter is level with that on the outside.

To prevent increasing the depth of the units and to allow the water to flow freely over the entire surface of the filter, it is provided that walls of timber (3-inch plank) be built around the filter when in a reservoir. When on a boat the sides of the boat supply the walls. A vacant space, size according to circumstances, to be provided at the suction pipe, to which water will be led by open troughs radiating across the filter, sunk below the water level so as to avoid too great a disturbance of the sand at any point by the action of the pump.

The cleaning of the filter is accompanied by placing suitable stop boards around one section to keep out the impure water, then raising the section and pumping clean water into it from the top and stirring the sand; repairs to be made in the same manner. A rough test made on a filter 8 feet square in St. Louis showed a filtering capacity of 337 gallons per square foot of filter, or allowing for the posts, etc., 290 gallons per square foot of space occupied in 24 hours.

Bacteriological tests made by Dr. Starckoff show that the Roche filter not only clarifies the water, but purifies it. Plans are now ready giving the general design of the filter, so that it can be adapted to any location.

MULTIPLICITY OF CREEDS KEEP THE CHINESE GUESSING

G. EN. ADNA A. CHAFFEE, caused some stir among foreign missionary agencies in a recent speech, whose tenor was that among the educated Chinese the effort to propagate the Christian religion had been a failure. One reason alleged was the number of sects there.

The list includes 57 missionary societies, as follows: The American Advent Missionary Society, American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, American Baptist Missionary Union, American Bible Society, American Church Mission, American Friends Mission, American Presbyterian Mission, American Reformed Church, Bible Christian Mission, British and Foreign Bible Society, Baptist (South) Gospel Mission, Basel Mission, Berlin Mission, Berlin Ladies' Missionary Society, Chu ch of England Zenana Missionary Society, China Inland Mission, Christians' Mission, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Canadian Methodist Mission, Church Missionary Society, Canada Presbyterian Mission, Church of Scotland Mission, College Young Men's Christian Association, Danish Lutheran Mission, English Baptist Mission,

English Baptist Zenana Mission, English Methodist Mission, Foreign Christian Missionary Society, Society for the Promotion of Female Education in the East, Friends Foreign Missionary Association, General Evangelical Missionary Society, Gospel Mission, American Norwegian Lutheran Synod Mission, Irish Presbyterian Mission, London Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal (South) Mission, Methodist Episcopal (North) Mission, National Bible Society of Scotland, Norwegian Lutheran Mission, Rheinisch Missionary Society, Scandinavian American Church Free Mission, Swedish American Missionary Covenant, Southern Baptist Convention, Swedish Baptist Mission, Seventh Day Baptist Mission, Scandinavian Missionary Alliance, Swedish Missionary Society, Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, Southern Presbyterian Mission, Shoo Yang Mission, United Methodist Free Church Mission, United Presbyterian Church of Scotland Mission, Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, Wesleyan Missionary Society, Woman's Union Mission.

McCann's Ghost Seen at Bonfils.

Strange sounds heard at night.
A new spring on scene of murder.



Dismal Quarry Where the Midnight Crime Was Committed Is Shunned by Those Who Live Nearby and Superstitious Fear Causes the Boldest to Quicken Their Pace as They Pass.



STRANGE stories of a ghost near Bonfils Station, which was the scene of the McCann murder, are being circulated in that neighborhood. The place is now shunned by those who live nearby.

People say that during the night the sweeping wind carries a cry as of fright. A superstitious fear causes the school children to hasten by as they pass homeward. Even cattle avoid the place. Several persons say that a ghost has been seen hovering over the spot where the terrible death struggle between McCann and "Lord" Barrington is alleged to have occurred.

A tiny spring of clear, bubbling water has come up from the heart of nature on the spot where McCann's body was found as if to wash away the stains of blood.

As the spot chosen for the murder of McCann could not have been better selected for such a deed, just so aptly is it fitted for the gruesome nocturnal visitations of the victim's other self, or ghost, as is claimed.

Not by one, but by many, has this apparition been seen, and as it whirls about it seems to be fighting off an ephemeral and unseen adversary. So say the gossips of Bonfils.

Lewis Tucker, the colored man who discovered the murdered man's body, is said to be responsible for the rumor of the ghost.

According to his story it was first seen by a party of miners and farmhands.

On the night the party of men were passing the secluded spot the conversation naturally turned to the pertinent topic, that of the crime.

Tucker says that they had approached the eastern side of the quarry, just opposite the spot where the nude body of McCann had been found, when the evening air was suddenly filled with a cry that hastened their footsteps. Like the shrill cry of an animal at bay, it came to the ears of the stout-hearted farmers who turned startled eyes toward the opening in the shrubs, which lined the brink of the quarry.

They gazed at the sight. There, within a circle of scrub oak and elder bushes, in a spot trampled down by the feet of two stumbling men moments before, Tucker says the farmers saw a spectral figure whirling about, wildly jesticulating as it fought in what seemed like a death struggle with a phantom murderer.

As they transfixedly gazed on the pantomime battle, it became evident that they were witnessing in ghostly re-

ality, a reproduction of what is believed to have occurred on that blood-stained ground a few months before. The men fled, pursued by a long, piercing wail and accompanied by an ineffaceable mental vision of the occurrence.

Their strange story quickly spread through the vicinity and the school children who formerly reached their homes by the road which passes the quarry, took a cross-cut over the fields a mile from the place.

The ground surrounding the quarry is covered with a good growth of grass and cattle were placed there to graze. A farmer named Lang living a few yards from the quarry says that after the first visit of the ghost it was noticed that when a cow or horse was picketed there the animal invariably broke its fastenings and refused to graze when captured and returned to the spot. If placed anywhere else the cattle grazed contentedly, but were restless when passing the quarry. It is a well known fact that animals fear the supernatural as strongly as do men. It seems that they can see things invisible to men.

No one now ventures near the quarry after nightfall, and the ghost has undisputed possession of the shrubs and bushes. Only recently, Tucker, the colored man, is said to have been passing the quarry on his way home from a dance and as he neared the ill-fated place, he saw something that caused his limbs to tremble and fairly rooted him to the ground. Flying in a circle over the edge of the bank where McCann's body was dragged from the water, he says, he saw a tall figure in white which silently floated through the air.

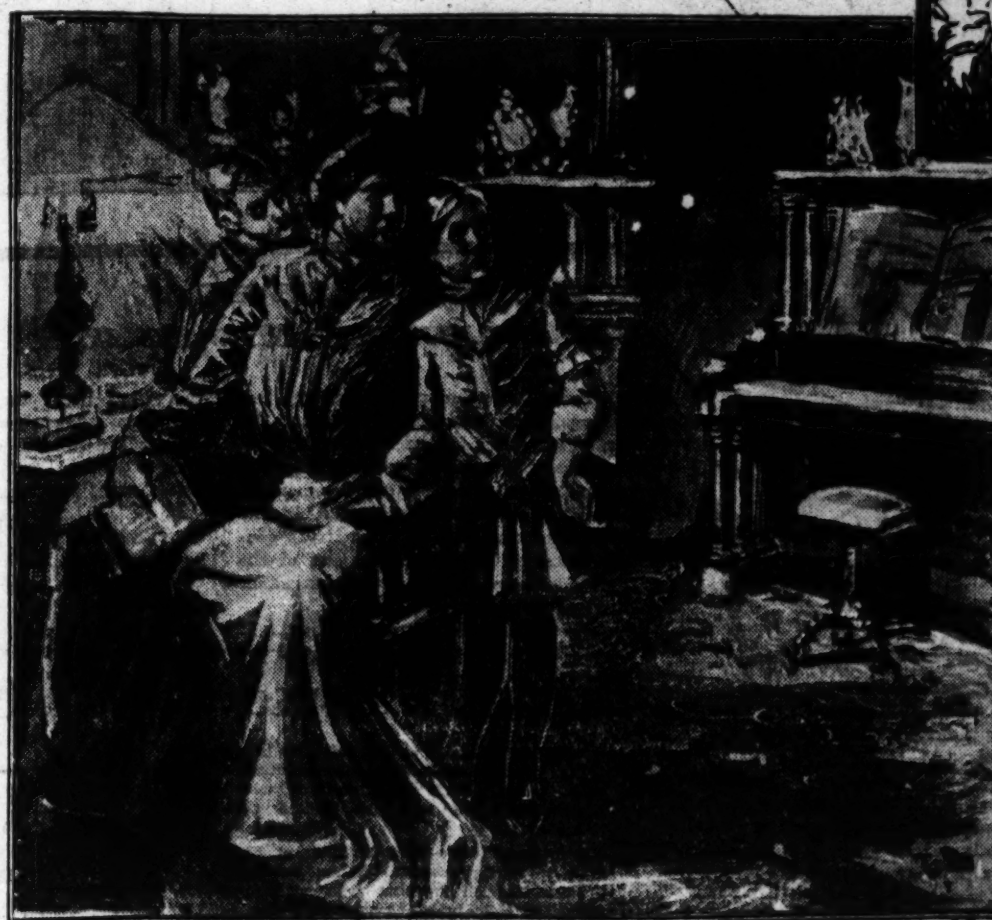
Too terrified to run the negro stood and watched the ghost. It finally settled to the bottom of the quarry, and as it disappeared, apparently in the soft bottom of the mud, it gave vent to a cry that raised every hair on the darkey's head.

This was too much for the negro and he ran with the speed of the wind to his home, where he confirmed the story of the farmers, who are said to have witnessed the same thing a week before.

At the foot of the bank where the slope leads down to the bottom of the quarry, a spring of clear water comes from the ground, and its position is thought to be right where the body of McCann first plunged into the water. For years this spring has not flowed, and it was not flowing at the time of the murder. Shortly after the ghost had been seen for the first time the spring commenced to flow, and it has steadily increased as the time passed.

Of course, there are many incredulous people out at Bonfils who refuse to believe the ghost story. They scoff at the idea that McCann may have returned to prowling about the old quarry at night and utter shrieks, moans and other lugubrious sounds for the purpose of attracting people's attention. This, they say, is more than any sensible man can be asked to believe.

At the same time, there is no doubt that the circulation of the ghost story has deeply impressed a number of people in the immediate neighborhood. It is also a strange feature



HEARING WEIRD SOUNDS AT NIGHT



THE NEW SPRING ON SCENE OF MURDER

quarry, there are various theories among the people at Bonfils. Those who say the ghost of McCann is a creation of the imagination, and that the cattle which refuse to eat the grass near the quarry do not like that kind of grass anyhow, assert that the strange sounds heard at night are merely the cries of the wind wailing amongst the trees, or the cries of night-birds.

These philosophers, however, do not attempt to deny the existence of the singular spring of water which has appeared where the body was thrown and which is flowing copiously today. One explanation of this spring is that it existed in that particular spot many years ago and has only now reappeared because of volcanic disturbances, or earthquakes, or something else. The fact remains, however, that the spring was not there a year ago and there was no evidence of its having been there previously, while it suddenly bubbled up shortly after the murder and gives every evidence of remaining there permanently.

The spring which has thus strangely appeared on the scene of the murder has deeply impressed many people who would not at first give credence to the ghost story. They regard it as an extraordinary thing which is difficult to explain by ordinary methods. The ghost people—that is, those who firmly believe that the ghost of McCann now haunts the quarry—triumphantly point to the spring as proof positive that something very strange is going on there. They think there is an intimate connection between the ghost, and the sounds at night, and the spring, and the frightened actions of the cattle when they are brought near the quarry.

These people say that so much of ridicule will shake their conviction that the place is haunted. Some boys who conceived the idea of fixing up a ghost and exploiting it near the quarry at night for the purpose of frightening people, were so frightened themselves when they went there for the purpose that they stayed only a few minutes. The ghost never appears in the day time. Some men at Bonfils laugh at the ghost story in day time and believe in it at night.

On record of animals being affected by apparitions. The reports of the Society for Psychological Research tell how dogs brought into a haunted house immediately began barking at particular places in the wall where ghosts were said to have appeared, while cats showed a strange unrest in habitations of this kind and fowls gave every indication of a desire to escape. It has long been known that animals can see things that are invisible to men. Animals, of course, can know nothing about ghosts, but they have qualities of vision which men do not possess.

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RECIPE BOOK IS THE MOST VALUABLE VOLUME IN THE WORLD

THE most valuable book in the world is a recipe book, and it contains the formula for but two liqueurs—green and yellow chartreuse. This remarkable book, with the secrets it contained, was sold in the open market for \$1,000,000 the other day. Originally this document, now a volume of more than 100 pages, consisted of but a single slip of parchment, but during the centuries of experiments in the manufacture of the famous liquor new ingredients and combinations were discovered and re-

corded, so that the book now contains 137 entries, each of the greatest value. When the monks of La Grande Chartreuse were expelled from France a few months ago a small casket of tempered steel was carried by the senior abbot and it never left his possession for a second. In this casket was the book, soon afterward to be sold. Pictures, tapestries, even jewels, might be shipped, but not the precious recipe for the world-famous twin liqueurs. Other recipes, too, have proved veritable gold mines. The original formula for ab-

Butschel, near Aix-la-Chapelle, the secret process by which the dye is distilled having been handed down from father to son. The family, curiously enough, is of Huguenot descent, and its members are in this day staunch Protestants. An English firm of pork packers paid \$50,000 for the Branderberg recipe of curing ham; while a certain seaweed chutney, or rather the method of making it, originally bought for a few rupees from a poor Hindu trader, changed hands a few months back for \$75,000.

BAD BREAKS IN OKLAHOMA SOCIETY.



HAT would you think of a gentleman at a fashionable evening party who blew his nose in his napkin? This is the question that has been raised by

Gov. Ferguson of Oklahoma. Over his own signature he tells on this page how he has been shocked by some of the recent goings on in Oklahoma society. The governor of Oklahoma is by no means a stickler for absurd etiquette, but he pays his respects to 'Sir John Chesterfield,' and he draws the line at some of the recent occurrences which have come under his observation.

Gov. Ferguson is known as a plain, blunt man, quite Rooseveltian in his manner, not mincing his words. Since he became governor of the magnificent territory which will be the next state in the union, he has studied with curiosity the social goings on of a certain class in Oklahoma. The governor now feels that the time has come to "call the turn" on these people.

Certain society leaders who have been laying down the law in Oklahoma on all social matters are, says Gov. Ferguson, merely so many humbugs and entitled to no authority whatever. A gentleman who is at once the Ward McAllister and Harry Lehr of Oklahoma society is laid out cold in the following article by Gov. Ferguson. The governor refrains from disclosing the name of this swell, who recently electrified a fashionable gathering by mistaking the use of his napkin, but people in Oklahoma say that there is no mistaking his identity.

It is also said that Gov. Ferguson had in mind a general expose of a would-be smart set of people in Oklahoma, who, while pretending to know all about how social matters should be conducted and reproving others for what they allege to be bad social errors, were themselves densely ignorant and uncultured. It is believed that one effect of Gov. Ferguson's remarkable exposure in the following paper will be to put society in Oklahoma on a common sense basis and that the people of the territory will no longer be informed that it is the correct thing to use the napkin in place of a handkerchief.

"HE FELL DOWN
AND TUMBLED ALL
OVER HIMSELF ON
LITERATURE."

BY THOMAS FERGUSON,
Governor of Oklahoma.

SOME people are wise and some are otherwise. Some are natural and some are unnatural. Some are sincere and some are insincere. Some are consistent and some are inconsistent. Some are just what they claim to be and try to be, and some assume to be what they are not and what they cannot be.

The latter are aplish and try to imitate what they have no capacity to imitate. A study of humanity along this line is more interesting than the study of any other branch of natural history. To assume to be what we are not is one of the frailties that has clung to the race of Adam ever since apple-picking time in far away Eden. It is just as natural for some people to assume as it is to breathe.

This holds good socially, among a certain class, in the superlative degree. It is amusing to watch some people perform in the arena. In that sphere the assumer assumes more "brilliantly" than in any other place known to mortals.

What is social etiquette? What constitutes "society polish"? The world answers the question in different ways. Some people seem to think that what constitutes the real social polish is for a man to don a spiketail coat, wear faultless shirt-front, look wise, and try to make the social "stunts" of the away-up. He may not be able to converse for one-half minute on any topic; he may be ignorant and unlettered. His mind may lack all the oil that is really necessary in the "make-up" of a gentleman, yet with a certain class of uneducated, uneducated people, who try to ape after certain ideals of "away up" society, he passes as a model, notwithstanding the fact that his mind has neither culture nor polish

and he horribly butchers the ideals that he assumes to follow.

The writer can call to mind one character which serves as a good illustration of this thought. A certain social "stunter" of the spiketail coat brigade has in some mysterious manner gained a reputation for grace and polish. He has at some time impressed upon his fellows the idea that he was a polished king, "grace itself," a regular incarnation of all the elements necessary to make up a whole constellation of social stars.

Some people have believed that this social luminary ranks high up in the same class with Sir John Chesterfield, or in fact they believe he is a calf-bound edition of that judge of good wine, prince of gay fellows, and a king of the drawing room. The writer had heard much about this modern relic of the Chesterfield regime—had heard how sweet ladies had almost quarreled among themselves for an opportunity to talk to him while he was doing the Chesterfieldian "stunt," how they had dubbed him "prince," "king," "grace itself," etc.—and many other expressions which emanated from much admiration and "little grey matter."

There was an intense longing to behold this "king" of grace upon his native heath performing in a manner that would cause the shade of Sir John Chesterfield to remove its head-gear and essay one of those graceful bows once famous throughout all Europe. The opportunity came at last. At a dinner given to a large number of guests the much desired event came about. This "king," this incarnation of "grace itself," was there.

The guests were seated at a table and while the preliminary skirmishes were going on, and

"HE ELECTRIFIED THE PARTY BY
USING HIS NAPKIN TO BLOW HIS NOSE"

writer embraced an opportunity to size up this modern representative of the polished arts. It was naturally anticipated that so thoroughly polished was the modern star that when the flies attempted to promenade over his manners they would slip and break their necks. A close observation revealed the fact that if the gentleman possessed polish it was not of the mind, as he seemed unable to discuss either literature or current events.

The subject of education was introduced, yet

Belleville House at Which Dickens Stopped in 1842 is Residents' Pride

BELLEVILLE has one historic house to which all the residents point with pride. It is the house at which Dickens stopped when he visited that town in 1842.

It is an old two-story building at East Main and High streets. When the visit of the English novelist was made, of which he tells in his American Notes, it was a sort of a hotel, the best the town afforded, and when the novelist's party, after many adventures, along the almost impassable road, reached Belleville they were sheltered at the tavern and there an informal reception was held.

According to Dickens' own account of the trip the start was made from the St. Louis side at 7 a. m., the party of 14 being furnished with "one light carriage with a very stout axle-tree; one something-on-wheels, like an amateur carrier's cart; one double phantom of great antiquity and unearthly construction; one rig with a great hole in its back and a broken head; and one rider on horseback, who was to go on before."

They carried with them among other provisions against starvation enroute, "two large stone jars in wicker cases, technically known as demijohns," and crossed the river in a ferryboat. "Men, horses, carriages and all, as the manner in these parts is." The conveyance in which he traveled was drawn by "a pair of very strong horses," but "traveled at the rate of little more than a couple of miles an hour, through one unbroken slough of black mud and water." He writes of the mud that "it had no variety but in depth. Now it was only half over the wheels, now it hid the axle-tree and now the coach sank down in it almost to the window." After reaching the bluffs they stopped "as is the custom in these parts, to give a horse a gallon or so of cold water whenever he is in a foam with heat," at

this "grace itself" was not in on the deal. He fell down and tumbled all over himself on literature and gave a prominent club woman a nervous shock, by remarking that Mark Twain wrote Ben Hur.

It did not end there. This modern knight electrified the party by using his napkin to "blow his nose." But he added a few more chips to the game by using the same cloth to erase the debris from the corners of his eyes and performed gymnastics and cut divers capers which

would have caused Edward Bok to gravitate 20,000 leagues skyward in less time than a Missouri legislator can snap up a thousand dollar William.

In short, it was apparent that this "polished" (!) knight of the social arena, this lionized hero of innocent "society ladies," whose unsuspecting heads had never been evaded by a single idea, was not polished, was not "grace itself," was not a "king," but simply a delusion, a chimera, socially speaking, the incarnation of a practical joke, unlettered, devoid of polish either in mind or manner.

So it is along the line of mortal experiences. Things are not always what they seem. Actors upon the stage of life are not always what they appear to be. People sometimes do some very foolish things, create an ideal and invest it with imaginary characteristics. The culture and polish of some people are idealistic and have no existence, in fact, although loudly heralded as realities.

"NO USE FOR SPIKE-TAILED CHESTERFIELDS"—GOV. FERGUSON.



"a log inn in the wood," which "consisted of one room, bareheaded and barewalled," where the accommodations afforded the traveler did not go far to mollify the disgruntled novelist. "When the horses were swollen out to about twice their natural dimensions we went forward again, through mud and mire, and damp, festering heat, and the brake and brush, attended always by the music of the frogs and pigs, until nearly noon, when we halted at a place called Belleville."

"Belleville," says Dickens, "was a small collection of wooden houses huddled together in the very heart of the bush and swamp. Many of them had singularly bright doors of red and yellow, for the place had been lately visited by a traveling painter 'who got along,' I was told 'by eating his way.'" The place where the novelist and his party stopped for food and rest for man and beast "was an hotel . . . which, like all hotels in America, had its large dining-room for public table."

It was an odd, shambling, low-roofed out-house, half cowshed and half kitchen, with a course brown canvas cloth and tin sconces stuck against the wall to hold candles at supper time."

If Dickens were alive today, and could take another trip to Belleville, he would rightly marvel at the changes wrought in transportation facilities on the east side since he made his visit to that section of the world in 1842.

If Dickens were here now and wanted to go to Belleville he could cross the Mississippi in electric cars on the magnificent bridge of steel, board a swift and easy riding car at the east end of the viaduct and be put down at the courthouse in Belleville in 50 minutes without disturbing the regular running schedule of the suburban line. If he were in a hurry the trip could be made in 30 minutes, as was actually done recently, when a distinguished party of railroad men from Paris, guests of the St. Louis Car Co. and the General Electric Co. were given an exhibition of what an up-to-date American Electric Railway can do when it lets itself out. If the novelist should be in less of a hurry to see the changes which have taken place in Belleville since his first visit he could make the trip more leisurely and note the substitution of paved roads and bands of steel for the mud that in 1842 had "no variety except in depth."

Moulins-sur-Orne has the distinction of having had one mayor for half a century in the person of M. Germain-Lacour. Moulins-sur-Orne is in the arrondissement of Argentan, and the people have just celebrated this unique event by holding a fete in honor of their mayor. Argentan has been represented in Parliament by the same deputy for 30 years.



ROMANCE AND MYSTERY OF AN OLD VIOLIN

REMARKABLE INSTRUMENT LATELY INHERITED BY A ST. LOUISAN BELIEVED TO BE AN AMATI. PRICELESS TREASURE SILENT FOR 33 YEARS.

Antonius Hieronimus Amati
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LABEL INSIDE THE VIOLIN.



MR. AND MRS. H. J. AMBROSE



MRS. ELIZA YOUNG
FROM A DAGUERRETYPE.



HERE is romance and mystery about an old violin—believed to be a genuine Amati, which has been inherited by Mrs. H. J. Ambrose of 3646 Flad

avenue, St. Louis.

A hundred years nearly it has been in her family. To her father it was a priceless treasure. After her father's death her mother cherished it as a sacred thing for 33 years.

During all those years it has been silent.

Although it was believed to be worth a small fortune, she would not part with it because her husband loved it and would not have parted with it for

all the money in the world.

He would not part with it because he believed it was a genuine Amati. He believed it because his brother, who brought it from England, had told him so and because it is stamped on the inside with the name of Amati, the famous violin maker of Cremona, and the date 1692.

By the death of the widow, who cherished it so fondly, it has now descended to Mrs. Ambrose.

St. Louis violinists who have seen it have been deeply interested and have urged that the question of its genuineness be submitted to experts. This will be done, and when it speaks in response to the bow drawn across its strings, after its long silence, its tones will tell whether it is a true Amati.

ABOUT nothing inanimate is there so much romance and mystery as about an old violin, particularly if it is presumed to have been made by a wizard of Cremona.

Made two hundred years ago, their early history is almost without exception lost. Nobody can tell how they have come down to the present or through what hands they have passed or what have been the lives which a rare old instrument has touched and influenced by its pure music.

The Amati owned by Mrs. Ambrose, like every old violin, whether a genuine Stradivarius or Amati or not, is redolent of romance because the affection of more than one musician has been centered in it. It has been loved and lost. It has been the object of sentiment more tender than is ever visited on any other inanimate thing.

When, early in the last century, Frederick Young came from England to America the most valued possession which he brought with him was an old violin which had been a family treasure for very many years.

He, being the oldest son, had received it from his father, who had assured him that it was a genuine Amati, more to be valued than much gold.

He died in Princeton, N. J., and bequeathed the old instrument to Edward Young, his brother.

Edward Young, the father of Mrs. Ambrose, never entertained a doubt that the instrument

was a genuine Amati. He was a musician and had a musician's tenderness for the precious instrument. Nothing could have tempted him to part with it. He would have suffered hunger rather than permit it to pass from his hands.

One of the earliest recollections of Mrs. Ambrose is of a wealthy man coming to her father's house, when she was a very little girl, and asking to see his violins. He had three. They were all old and fine instruments and he was loath to part with either of them, but the man had come to purchase one and he reluctantly permitted his visitor to handle them and try them.

Two had been tried and the instrument stamped 1692 was handed to the visitor. He drew the bow across the strings and the purity of the note which came from the soul of the violin caused him to start. He examined the instrument critically.

"I should like to have this one," he said, eagerly. "What is the price?"

Edward Young reached quickly for the old instrument and took it from his visitor's hands as though he feared for its safety.

"You cannot buy it," he said. "It is priceless. It is a Amati. This other one you can have for \$50, but the Amati you cannot have at any price."

His home was at Lexington, Ga., and there he died thirty-three years ago, leaving his precious violin to his wife.

Mrs. Eliza Young, his wife, was not a musician. She could not use the instrument and it

was far too precious in her sight for anybody else to use it. She laid it tenderly in its velvet-lined case, with tears in her eyes, and closed it and laid it carefully away.

It had been priceless to her husband because of its quality and his affection for it. It was priceless and sacred to his widow because it had been dear to him.

Often she took it from its case and fondled it and wept over it in memory of the loved one who had gone, but from the day that its master, the musician, had drawn the last note from it, it had been silent. It seemed almost to share the grief of the widowed woman.

The years passed and the strings relaxed. If they were touched they only gave forth broken-hearted discord.

Both before and after the death of Mr. Young the precious instrument had been guarded from the touch even of their children.

But at last Mrs. Young was getting old. She was suffering from the effects of an accident and feared that she had not long to live. She wanted to place the old violin in other hands while she lived.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose and their family were living at Clarkston, Ga., a suburb of Atlanta, where they had their own home.

One day Mrs. Young came to visit her daughter. She brought the precious violin with her.

"Keep it and take good care of it," she said, "and at my death it will become yours; and I want you to bequeath it to Theodore."

Theodore was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose. He is now 25 years old.

Tenderly Carried to St. Louis.

Lately Mrs. Young died and Mr. Ambrose brought his family to St. Louis to live. All the way from Georgia Mr. Ambrose carried the old violin in his hands, unwilling to trust it to those of any other.

Since arriving in St. Louis Mr. Ambrose has taken steps to have the question of the authenticity of the instrument established. He shares the belief of his wife, as his wife shared that which was held by her parents, that the old violin is a real Amati, but he wants to establish the fact beyond question.

St. Louis musicians to whom he has shown the instrument have been impressed with its evident age and its fine workmanship and have had no reason to doubt that the stamp on the inside, proclaiming that it was made in 1692, is genuine. At the same time none of them have considered themselves competent to settle the question.

Mr. Young is now seeking an expert who can tell him whether the instrument was made over two hundred years ago in Italy.

A brother of Edward Young was one of the founders of the order of Paullist Fathers at Ninth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, New York. Mr. Ambrose has for twenty years been connected with railroads in the south.

Because He Loved It So Kocian Carried Away a Violin He Did Not Own

KOCIAN'S great affection for a rare violin, which he calls his sweetheart, was manifested when first the young virtuoso swept his masterful bow across the instrument—a Guarnerius—which afterward caused him much trouble. Securing permission from the owner, Mr. Ciopton of New York, Kocian bore off the treasure and used the instrument throughout his number of concerts in this country.

Its bell-like organ-tones crept into his very heart and the return of the violin was postponed from time to time. He wrote many pathetic letters to Mr. Ciopton begging him to sell the instrument. Each letter expressed Kocian's affection for the violin and his sorrow over the prospect of parting with it.

Kocian suddenly departed for Europe and the prospect of parting with

The oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose has not shown any talent for the violin, but a younger son seems likely to have inherited the talent of his grandfather. Mr. and Mrs. Young have three pretty daughters, all of whom are talented musically, but singularly not one of them plays the violin.

Of late years, along with the manufacture of other antiques, such good imitations of old violins have been made that experts have had the greatest difficulty in distinguishing them from the genuine.

Some of these bogus Strads and Amatis have been sold at auctions at from \$4000 to \$5000. It is said that some of the instruments purchased by J. P. Morgan have been frauds.

How "Old" Violins Are Made.

The fabrication of a bogus old violin is, by no means an easy matter. First of all the separate parts of the instrument are prepared, then the wood is suitably stained and certain patches are added. Very often in genuine old violins the place where the bridge rests has to be renewed, so a new piece is carefully inserted there. Then with a special tool hollows are beaten in the front and back, to show that the so-called "voice" had in the course of centuries to be renewed.

Before the body of the faked violin is put together the inside of the different parts is carefully rubbed with oil and the signature of the maker, as well as a repairing label are stuck in. The old violin makers stuck their labels on the inside of their instruments.

These labels, either printed or written, had

their name and the name of the place they lived in, often, too, the year the violin was made, and later repairs were noted in the same manner.

The body of the violin is next put together, the sounding board and the neck generally made of different wood added, the peg holes are bored and recessed, small injuries are made in different places and carefully repaired and dust which will stick to the oil is shaken in. Then the instrument is varnished. This is the most important part of the whole trick.

Layers of varnish are put on and when dry are nearly rubbed off again, so that it looks as if the varnish had often been worn off through use and renewed. Then the "shading" is added, where the hands and chin have left traces of long use.

In the most ingenious manner flaws, cracks and blisters are then added.

Finally, to remove all doubts as to antiquity, worm holes are made.

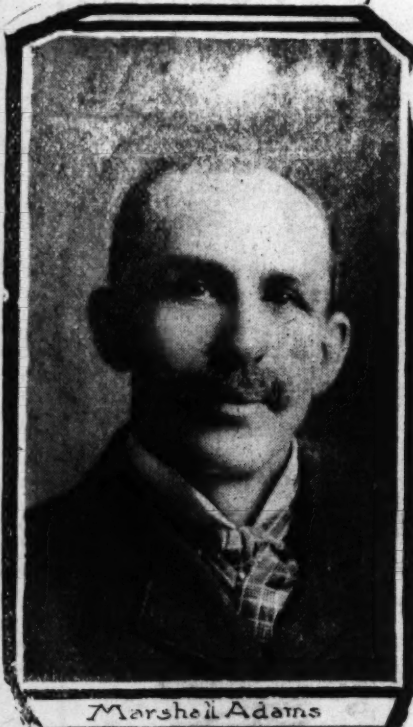
The fact that the old violin owned by Mrs.

Ambrose has been in her family, to her knowledge, nearly a hundred years, increases confidence in its genuineness, because while the violins of the masters were counterfeited in earlier times, the counterfeiting was done so bunglingly that an expert could readily detect it.

During the last thirty years genuine old instruments in first class order have seldom been sold for less than \$4000. The average price today for a good old instrument is between \$6000 and \$8000. If old instruments are sold for less their title to genuineness is questioned.

Of the greatest importance in determining the age of the instrument owned by Mrs. Ambrose will be the maker's label. It is impossible to procure the kind of paper the old masters used and also very difficult to imitate the peculiarities of the old handwriting in such a way as to deceive a practiced eye.

It is doubtful if the authenticity of the label in the Ambrose instrument can be determined with certainty without comparing it with some unquestionably genuine.



Marshall Adams

MARSHALL ADAMS lies now in a hospital in Logansport, Ind., with nine bullets in his body as the result of his love for a woman.

And while Adams was fighting off his would-be captors from his own weapon, several bullets from the legal emissary sent to arrest him, perforated the emissary's clothes and otherwise made their presence felt in his neighborhood.

A woman—always the woman—was at the bottom of it, of course.

In this instance the woman was Mrs. Frank M. L. Smith, the girlish and pretty wife of a boyish and jealous husband. They live in a handsome house four miles west of Logansport, and Adams was an unwelcome caller. He became infatuated with Mrs. Smith, and Mrs.

SHOT NINE TIMES in a HORSEBACK DUEL for LOVE

Marshall Adams Madly Risked His Life in a Deadly Encounter With an Officer, Rather Than Face a Minor Charge in Court.

Smith turned to her husband for protection. Adams did not care much for this, as he regarded Smith as a mere boy and one to be put easily aside. But whatever may have been Smith's shortcomings in the matter of physique, he was a young man of nerve.

Smith went to Logansport a few days ago and filed an affidavit against Adams, charging persecution of Emeline Smith, his wife. The warrant was placed in the hands of Constable James McElheny, a dead shot and one of the bravest officers in Indiana. McElheny went with Smith to the scene of the trouble, where Marshall Adams could usually be found. It was thought an arrest could be easily made, since the charge was only a minor one. Never was a man any more surprised, however, than McElheny was when from a short distance down the road Adams was seen approaching mounted, as were the officer and the aggrieved husband.

McElheny rode on ahead, while Smith held back.

Coming face to face with Adams, McElheny said:

"I have a warrant for your arrest."

"The deuce you have," said Adams. "Well, I won't listen to it."

"Oh, yes, you will," replied the officer, coolly, pulling the document from his pocket and proceeding to read it.

As McElheny got to the accusation Adams became wild with anger. His face grew white and he began to curse McElheny, bitterly.

"It's nobody's business but mine whether I love the woman or not," he yelled; "and, more, I won't take any warrant from you. Get out and let me alone."

As he spoke he reached for his hip pocket, but McElheny was too quick for him.

There was scarcely a fraction of a second's difference between the drawing of two revolvers by the desperate men.

Both wheeled their horses. Both were determined to fight, and death apparently had no terrors for either. One was striving to do the

other, trying to escape arrest on a charge that would not have cost him \$15 in money if he had been legally convicted.

But Adams was too wild with anger to heed the voice of reason. This very wildness probably saved the life of McElheny. A cooler man than Adams would have taken more deliberate aim.

As it happened, while Adams was flourishing his revolver wildly around in the effort to take aim, McElheny fired and broke his jaw.

This is no wise cooled Adams' rage. With the blood pouring from his wound, he turned the head of his frightened horse again toward McElheny and fired.

The shot cut a lock of hair from the side of the officer's head. Again Adams jerked his frightened steed around so as to get a good shot at McElheny, who was having just as much trouble with his mount.

Time after time McElheny shot Adams in the body. Time after time Adams shot holes in McElheny's clothes, the latter appearing to bear a charmed life. Finally McElheny, out of breath, shouted: "Here's one that'll fix you!" and sent a bullet into his adversary's stomach.

Even then Adams exhibited his supreme nerve.

"I'm not done for yet by a jugful," he shouted, swaying fearfully in the saddle. He tried feebly to raise his revolver, but the nine bullets in his body were too much for him.

He lurched forward and fell from his horse with wounds that will cause his death, the doctors say, while McElheny hastily sent the frightened Smith for a wagon. Adams was brought to town with the officer by his side.

Smith seemed contented and returned home during the evening. Mrs. Smith says she does not know what it is all about, although she inquired anxiously as to Adams' condition. However, she appeared glad that Adams was out of the way and that she could be at home with her husband. Both realize that if Adams is ever able to leave the hospital he will be taken to jail, there to remain on a charge of resisting an officer, shooting with intent to kill and with persecuting Mrs. Smith.

An interesting calculation has recently been made public by the French Academy of Sciences. It is to the effect that, taking into consideration the wear and tear on the solid land by ocean washing, river erosion, and wind and weather, the world will, by the end of the year 4,500,000 be completely washed away, and the ocean will roll over the present foundation of our great continents.

Cupid Contrives the Most Curious of Endless Chains.



New Bridal Garter Club, Which Has Started Very Prosperously, Promises to Find Husbands for Thousands of Romantic Maidens.

HAVE you ever heard of the Bridal Garter Club? Of course, if you are a man you cannot belong to it, even though you may be a bridegroom.

It is for brides and bridesmaids and feminine friends alone. Everybody knows that a bride's garters given to her attendants immediately after the wedding ceremony and constantly worn by them will, within a year, bring them to the marriage altar.

Originally it was an old French custom, when the bride was placed on a table and a mad rush made by the bridesmaids to secure the coveted elastic, as shown in Theo's performance of "La Jolie Parfumeuse." Now the custom, which has been in abeyance for a long time, has been revived in Delaware, and at a recent wedding there, after the ceremony, there was a stampede of the girl attendants of the bride to her dressing room. After screams and laughter the young women emerged, a little bit mussed up, but four of them proudly held fast to four articles which they clutched fiercely. They were the garters worn by the bride at the wedding.

The four girls were more mussed than the rest, but they had fought harder for the tokens which meant that they would be married in a year.

When the fact was gossiped about, it was found that the bride wore four pairs and that eight girls fought for them. One frail little girl didn't get any, but as one of her friends said: "She is young, she can wait." She was just as pretty as the others, too.

Another odd feature of the garter game is that an endless chain is established by the custom, for each girl who gets one of the bridal garters has to promise to wear four more at her wedding for similar purposes, so that by arithmetical progression the number goes something like this and, remember, the figures represent brides—real, beautiful brides:

4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256 and so on.

Before seven weddings have come to pass



one can see the enormous number in future prospect.

After the seventh wedding the list goes like this:

512, 1,024, 2,048, 4,096, 8,192, 16,384, 32,768, 65,536, 131,072, 262,144, 524,288, 1,048,576.

But where on earth would the bridegrooms come in at this rate? It shows that from one wedding a million brides may be handed out to expectant bridegrooms—if found.

At the recent wedding of Louise Gunning, an actress, only two garters were furnished. One went to Violet Halls and the other to Gwendolyn Valentine. This was on Oct. 18 last, but already both girls are reported to be engaged.

As a result of only having two garters to start with instead of four, the brides to be may be only about 500,000 instead of a million. For this oversight Miss Gunning, who is now Mrs. Frederick Pittman, is responsible. Mrs. Pittman, however, in starting this endless chain of garters probably had some consideration for her manager, for if she had worn four pairs of garters the number of fall brides would have been so much greater that the ranks of the chorus would probably have been totally depleted before the engagement of the theater was half over.

It is understood the Misses Halls and Valentine have already promised their garters to four other young ladies, who are looking forward with considerable impatience to the speedy marriage of the girls in question.

Should the bridal garter mania spread and every bride wear but one pair of presentation garters, as the arithmetical progression goes on it is appalling to think of the total that may be reached. As far as the stage goes, all the soubrettes, leading ladies, prima donnas, show girls and tragediennes will be married off, and as a majority of them will likely retire to private life the condition of the stage almost totally depleted of its actresses may be fancied.



Violet Halls

Aerial Mail Carrier for Rural Delivery, Invented by Missourian, Given Successful Test at St. Joseph

AN AERIAL mail carrier, which will serve farmers along rural routes more regularly, cheaply and expeditiously than urban residents are served now, is the invention which was tested in St. Joseph last week with success.

C. C. Kitterman of Bolckow, Mo., is the inventor. He has patented the device and a company with \$200,000 capital has been organized to exploit it.

The aerial mail carriers can be operated at the rate of forty miles per hour. The inventor says a circuitous route fifty miles in length will be covered with ease in two hours, leaving at each farmhouse its own consignments and picking up the mail to be sent out.

According to Mr. Kitterman, eight routes may be operated out of one city at a total daily cost of only \$2, besides the salary of the man in charge of the engine and dynamo. One hundred dollars per mile is the cost of constructing the line, and a Chicago firm has agreed to manufacture the carriers for \$3 each.

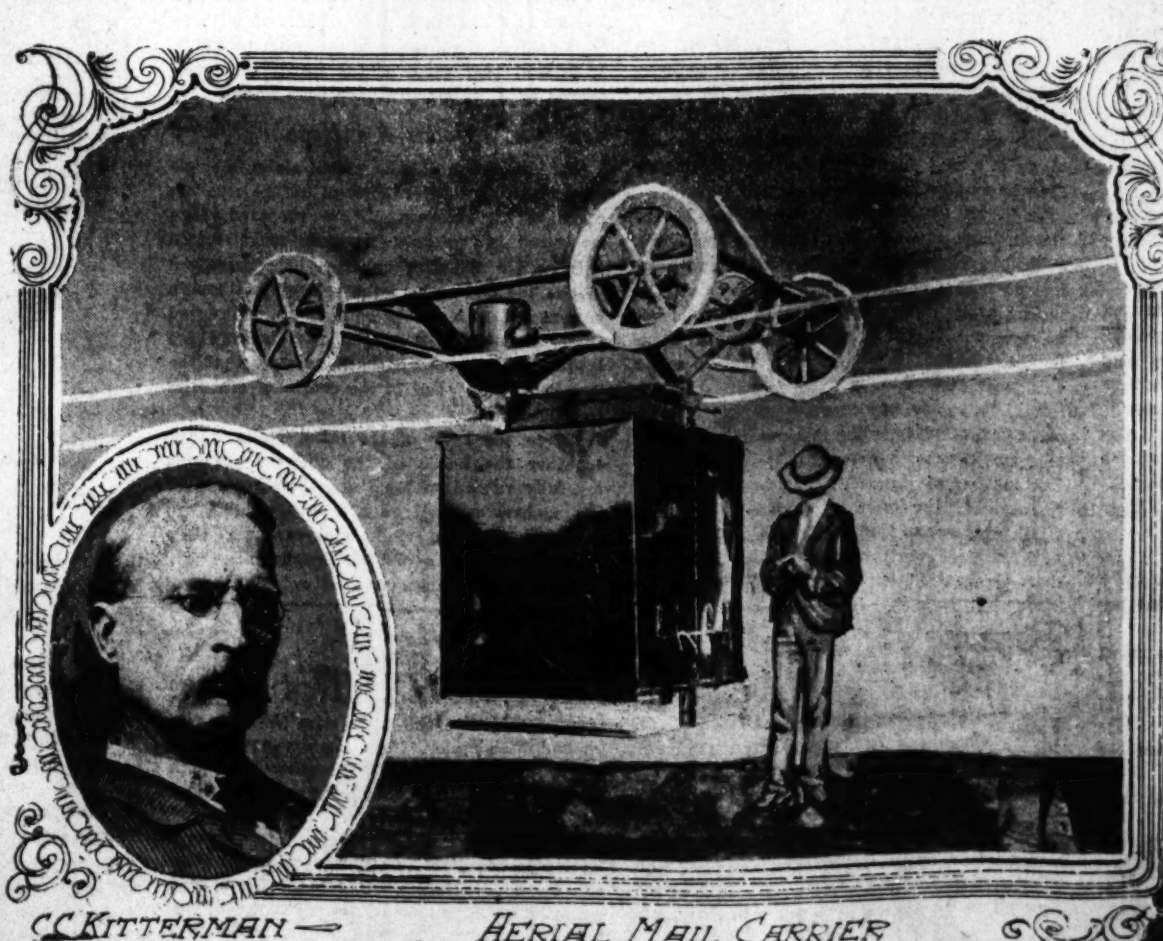
A line making a circuit of about one mile has been constructed in St. Joseph. Hundreds of men interested in scientific matters visited the scene of the experiments this week. Among them was J. L. Carrington, special agent of the United States postal department.

A score of St. Joseph electricians and civil engineers gathered to see the test of the machine, and they declared it to be the simplest and most practicable invention in recent years. The idea was so simple that they gasped.

Dr. C. E. Bennett of Bolckow is president of the company organized to back Mr. Kitterman's project. The inventor is vice-president. A. L. Brumbaugh, cashier of the Farmers' Bank of Bolckow, is treasurer and J. I. Bennett of Savannah, Mo., is secretary of the company.

A dynamo, a small engine, the line and the carrier with a receptacle attached to and suspended from it, are the component parts of this system which bids fair to revolutionize the delivery of mail in the rural districts.

From each pole along the line a wooden arm extends, reaching down from each arm are two iron rods about two feet apart, with hooks on the ends to hold the wires. The carrier, a machine with four small wheels and weighing 15 pounds, runs along



C. C. KITTERMAN—AERIAL MAIL CARRIER

on top of these wires. From the carrier is suspended a large sheet-iron receptacle which contains a number of smaller tin boxes.

To the carrier is attached a small motor which propels it.

Before the carrier starts on its delivery small oblong tin boxes, one for each patron along the line, are placed in the receptacle. These boxes are arranged from the bottom upward in the order in which the farmhouses occur.

Each box has a number corresponding to the number of the patron to whom it is destined. Each farmer along the route is provided with a corresponding box in which he puts mail going out, and then places it on a small zinc shelf attached to the pole in front of his home.

When the receptacle reaches the first station, an iron finger projecting from the pole passes through an opening in the bottom of the receptacle and shoves out the box consigned to that patron. Simultaneously the tin box in place on the zinc shelf is shoved off into the top of the big receptacle. This operation is repeated at each station.

The outgoing box from each farmhouse must be in place, even if the patron has no mail going out that day. By an electrical arrangement the placing of a box on each zinc shelf is registered at the central station. The man in charge thus knows when each patron has looked after his station properly.

Should any patron fail to have his box on the shelf at a stated time—say 10 o'clock a. m.—he will receive no mail that day as his box will not be placed in the receptacle. Thus the order of the distribution is not interfered with by the dereliction of any person along the route.

Should any route not form a complete circuit, thus making it necessary for the carrier to return over the same wires on which it went out, a "friction clutch" causes the propeller to reverse automatically when the terminus is reached.

It seems that this idea of Mr. Kitterman is capable of wonderful amplification. While the only claim he makes for it at present is that it will deliver mail quickly and economically, he maintains that in time its usefulness may be extended to the field of parcel delivery, and that the same

wires used for carrying the mail may be used for transmitting a current for electric lighting purposes.

"They could be used during the day for mail and parcel delivery," said he, "and at night for electric lighting."

Mr. Kitterman says he does not regard acceptance by the government as necessary to its successful use, or even as highly desirable.

Mr. Kitterman has been working on his invention a little more than two years. He gives this account of how he conceived the idea:

"In the spring of 1901 I was traveling through one of the counties of southern Missouri. Rain had been falling almost continuously for a week, and the roads were all but impassable. Reaching the top of the first four scholars, although there are five times as many special honor men turned out.

A man who graduates from college with highest honors in a special subject, according to the statistics, has an extraordinarily good chance of making his mark in the world. Either such a course is a better preparation for a career or a better test of ability than the general course.

On the other hand, the record of the college athlete, who is always such a conspicuous figure at college, shows that he attains a high place in after life but seldom compared with the successful scholar. The chance of distinction for members of the rowing crews is no better than the average student, though there is a rather better chance for their captains.

But the chances for the baseball and football men are lower still, according to the records of the past. They seldom receive high places in scholarship and more seldom still appear in "Who's Who."

A pair of women's shoes made in Lyon, Mass., to establish a record for rapid shoe-making, required 27 operators and the use of 42 machines and 100 pieces. All these parts were assembled and made into a graceful pair of shoes, ready to wear, in 12 minutes.

London has 200 miles of sewers, Paris only 50.

COLLEGE ATHLETES DO NOT WIN GREATEST SUCCESS IN LIFE

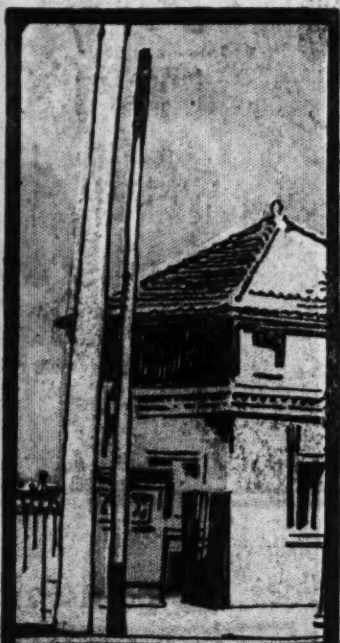
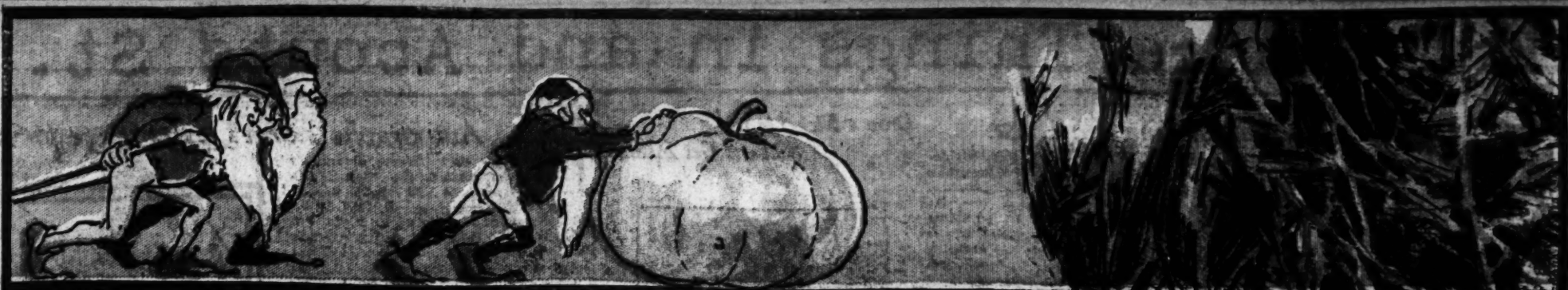
WHAT is the value of college athletic honors in winning distinction in life?

To put the question in another way: What sort of college career has turned out the greatest number of notable men?

The answer to this question has been figured out by a clever statistician and is a curiosity. All the men in America who have achieved professional or commercial distinction are represented by a paragraph or two of biography in "Who's Who in America."

From the information contained in this book it has been found that men who took honors in special subjects at college number one in five of American notables, while men who were among the first seventh in the general courses represent only one in seven. In fact, the proportion among the men with special honors is nearly equal to that of the first four scholars, although there are five times as many special honor men turned out.

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Bringing
in the
Christmas
Tree



Twentieth century faces,
By twentieth century means,
Go twentieth century paces
Through twentieth century scenes.
Ho for the buzzing wheel
Of the up-to-date automobile!

Ho for the Christmas weather,
And ho for the Christmas tree!
Merrily on together
O'er the snowy road ride we,
Bringing our trophy fair,
That gleams in the cold, bright air.

Gone are the old-time notions,
Gone are the old-time sleighs,
But the old-time sweet emotions
Shall live in our hearts always.
Be it old-time sled, or wheel
On the glistering automobile.
WILLIS LEONARD CLANAHAN.





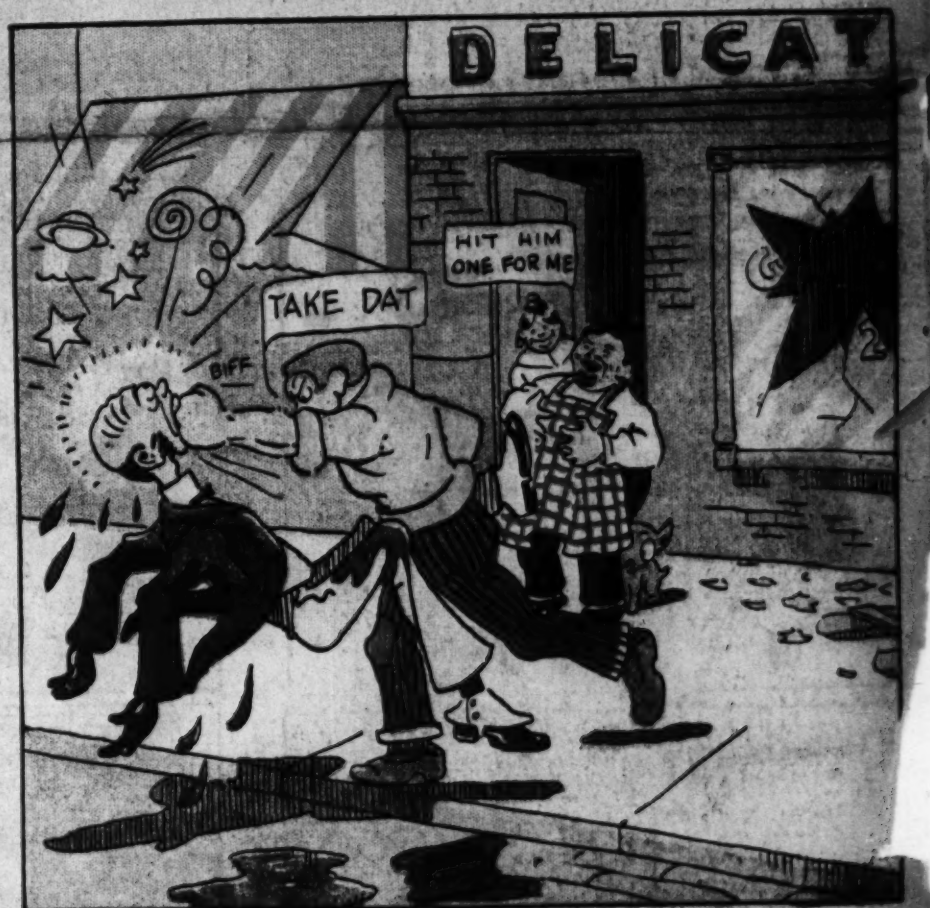
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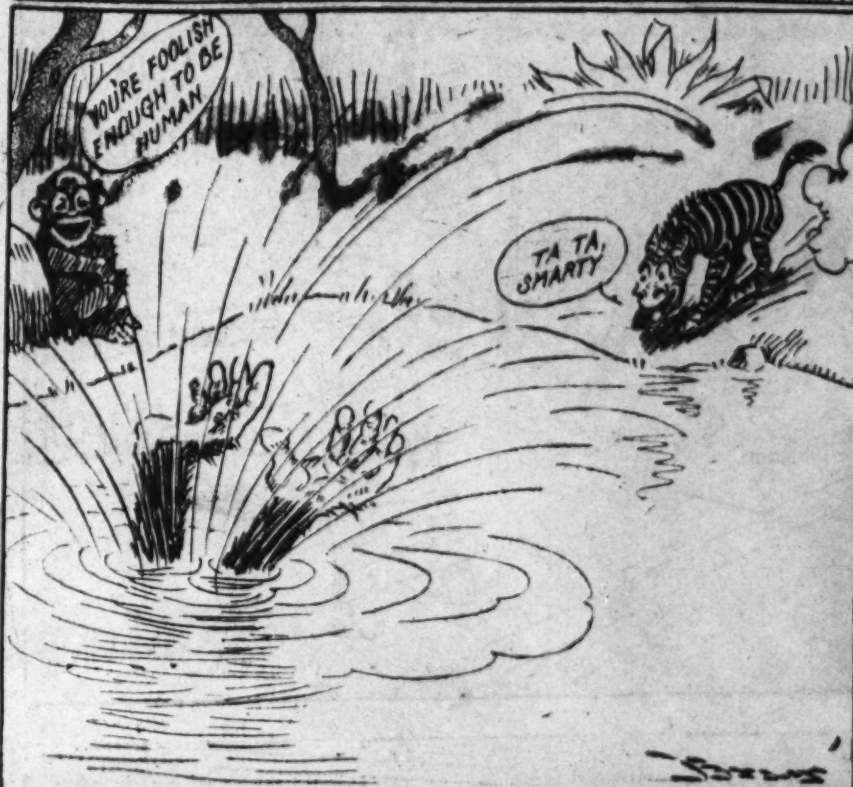
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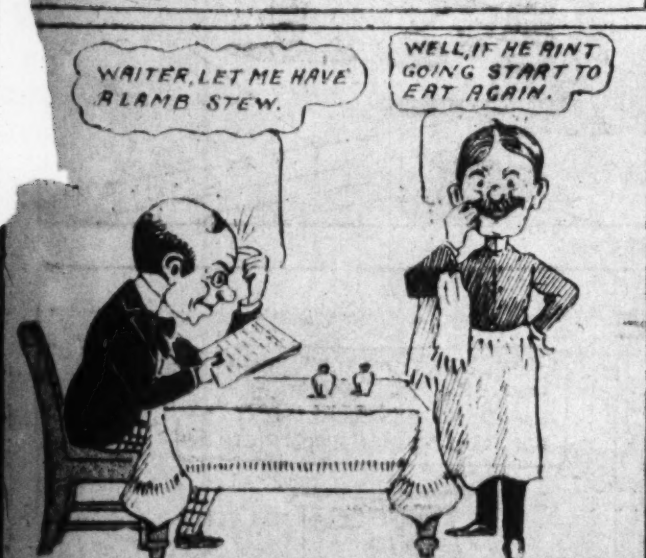
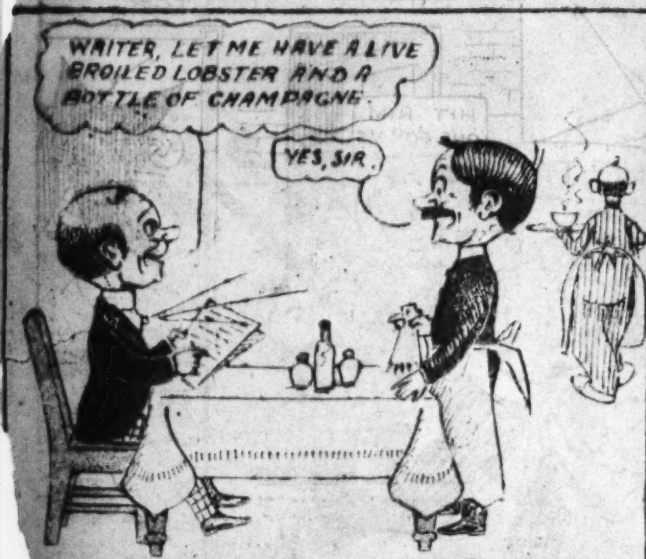
Superstitious Smith Walks Under Ladder and Takes the Consequences



Merely Monkey Shines.



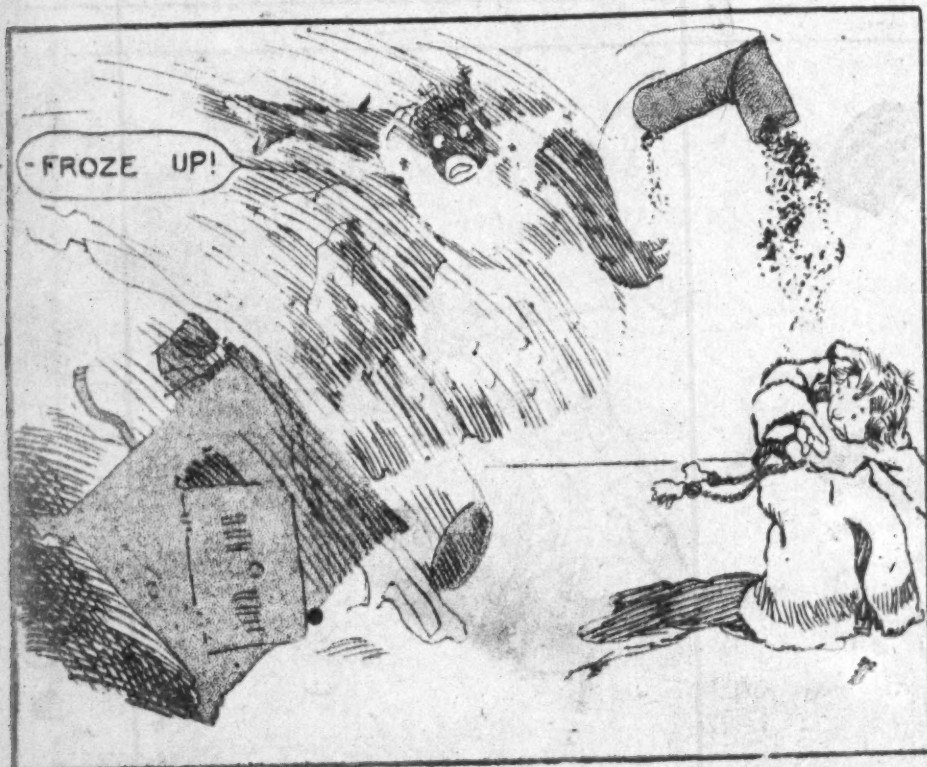
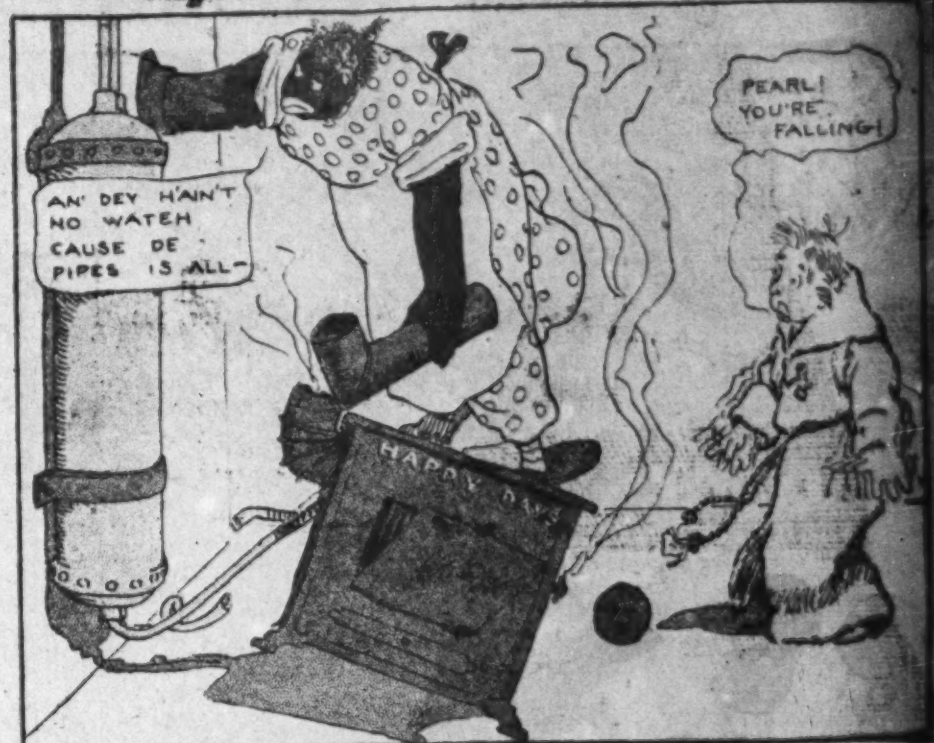
The Look-Alike Brothers in a Restaurant.



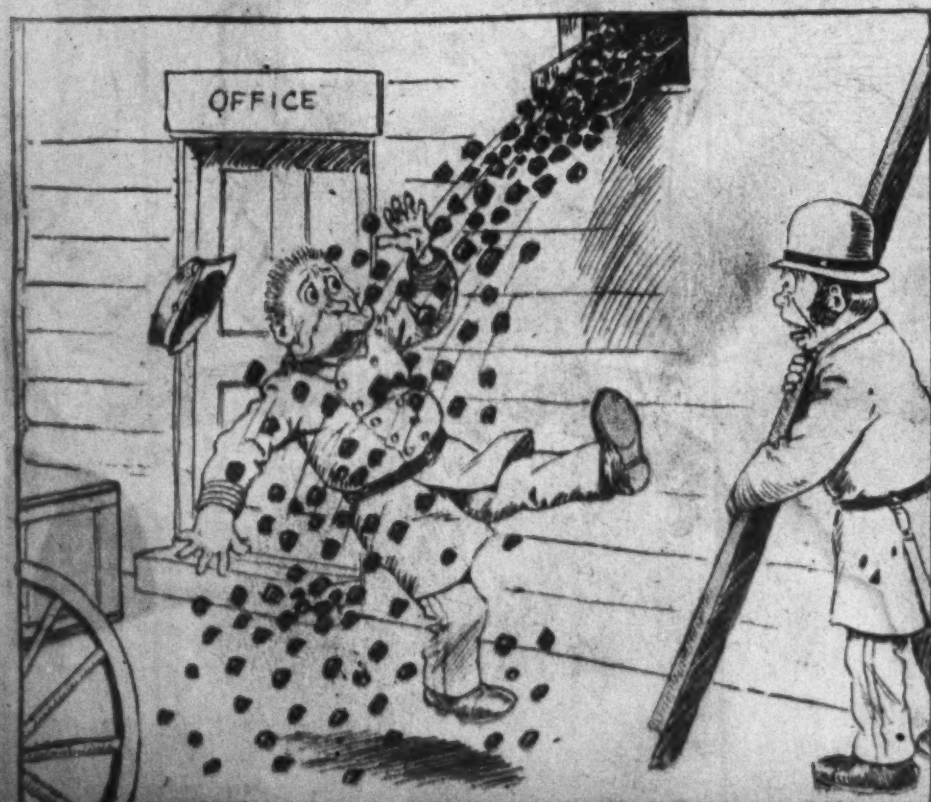
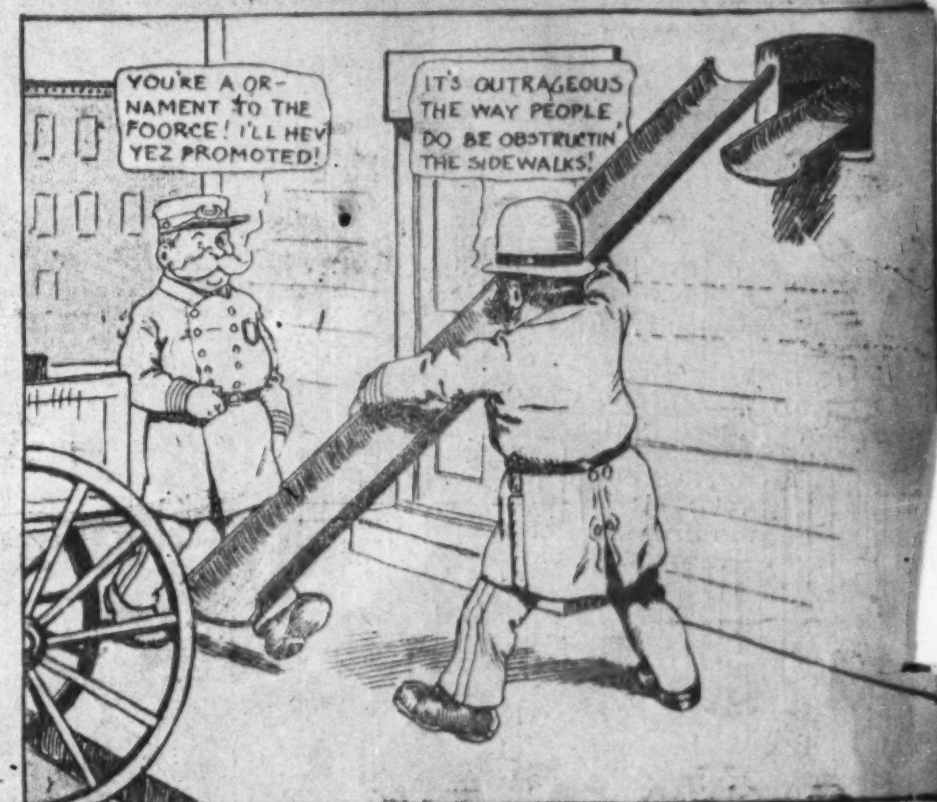
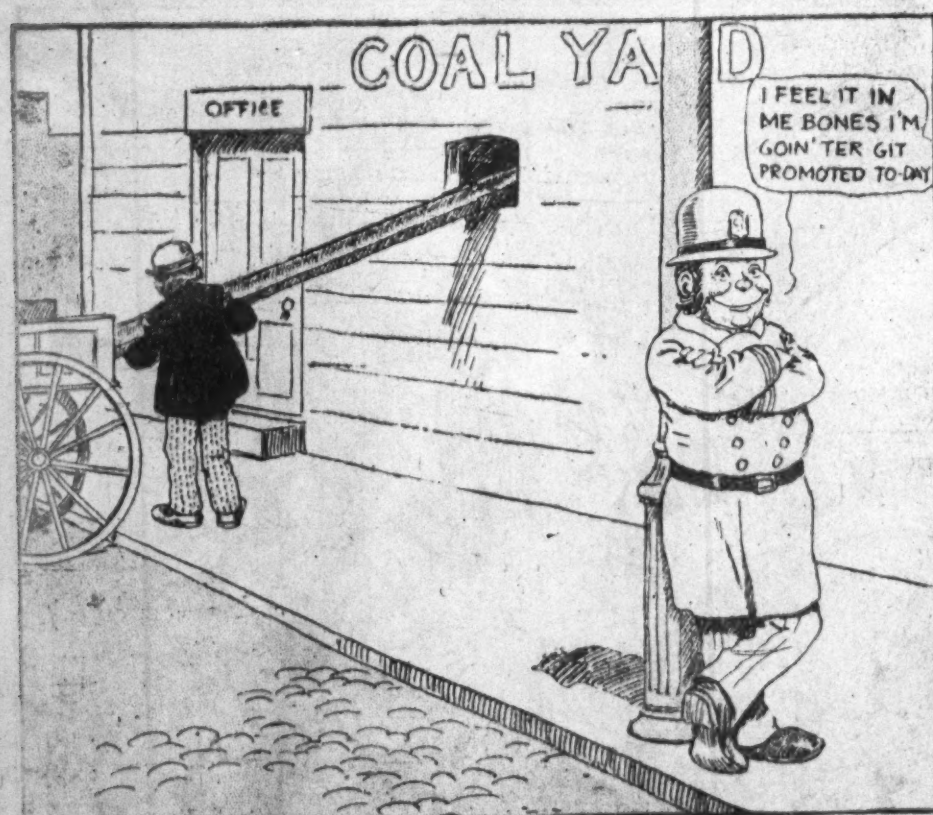
Mrs. Butt-In Tries to Assist a Boy.



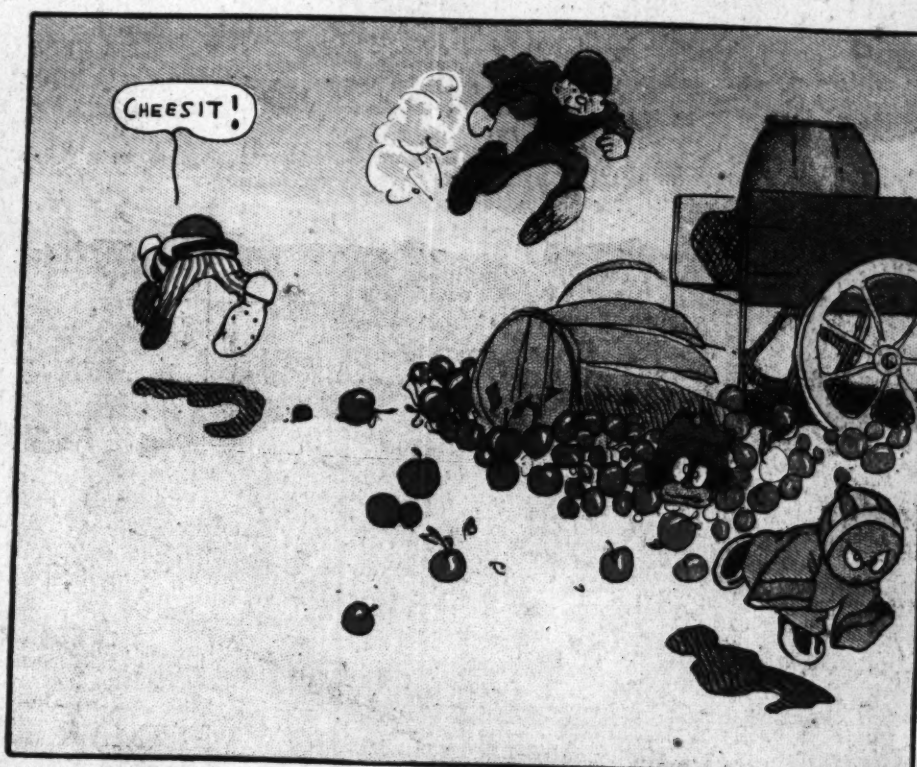
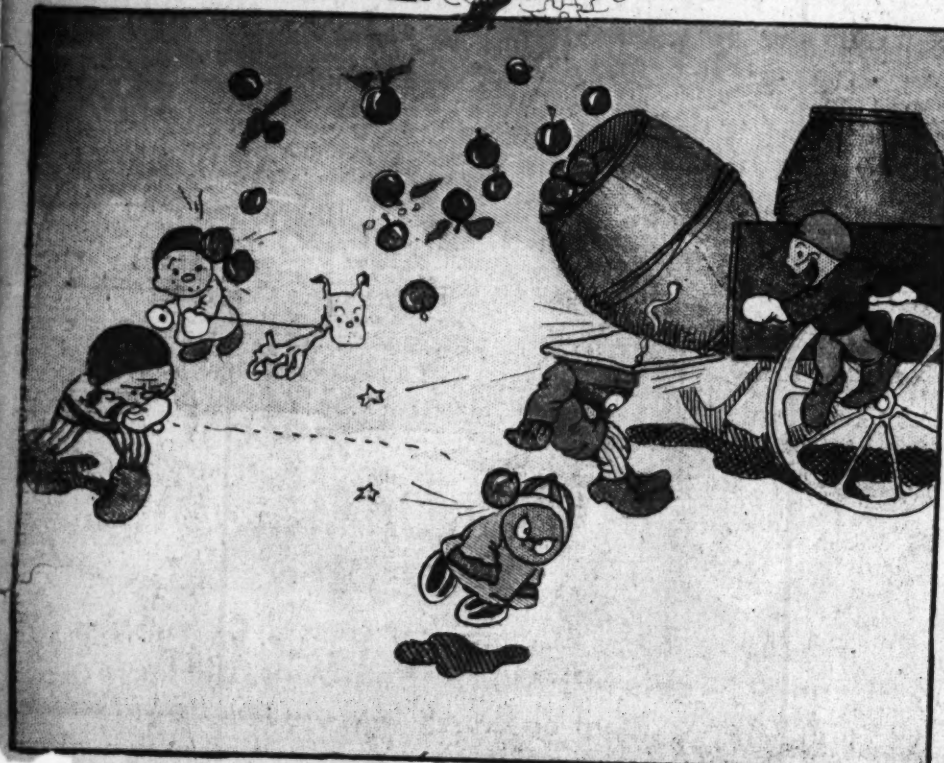
When the Pipes Froze in Tidy Teddy's House.



Clarence the Cop Nearly Gets Promoted.



Lady Bountiful and the Apples---By Gene Carr.



Free Lunch at Twelve--When the Clock Struck.

